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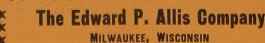
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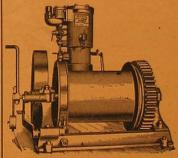
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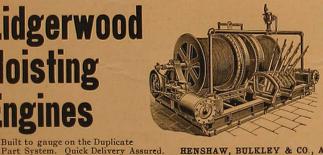
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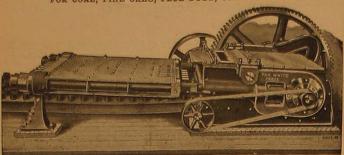
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FOR A NATIONAL BUREAU OF MINES.

We present below the full text of the bill introduced in the lower house of Congress by Representative Gibson, providing for the establishment of a Bureau of Mines and Quarries. We believe that the United States' mining interests have a right to demand the enactment of a law similar to this, and we shall be glad to publish the expressions of any of our readers regarding the features of the Gibson bill. The bill reads as follows: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of

Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established in the Department of Løbor a Bureau of Mines and Quarries, which shall be charged with the duty of investigating the condition, extent, operation, and output of all mines and quarries in the United States, and of reporting annually to the President and to Congress the statistics of all mines and quarries in the United States, properly tabulated, along with such suggestions as it may deem proper for the due management of mines and quarries, their drainage, supply of pure air, prevention of dangerous explosions, and caving in of the earth or rock, and the comfort and safety of the opera-

That the said bureau shall collect and publish from time to time the laws of the various States of the United States and of foreign nations for the safe and healthful operation of mines and quarries, and for the protection, fair treatment, and general welfare of those working in them as laborers, along with such analyses and suggestions as it may deem of value.

SEC. 3. That the said bureau shall also collect and publish, from time to time, the laws of said states and nations enacted to prevent those laboring in mines and quarries from being unjustly dealt with by the owners or lessees thereof in weighing, measuring, or paying for the laborers' output, or requiring them to take token money, or goods, or credit in place of money, or to deal at particular stores, or with particular persons, or in hampering them in any way as to how they shall be paid, or how they shall spend their wages.
SEC. 4. That the Commissioner of Labor

shall designate a suitable person for chief of said bureau, and suitable persons for clerks and inspectors under him, and shall assign to said bureau suitable quarters in said department; and the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby annually appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of said bureau.

THE BRITISH MINERS' INTEREST IN THE BOER WAR.

John Hays Hammond appears in a British publication as the spokesman of the English mining interests concerning the war in South Africa, and the principles at stake as they are observed by Englishmen who are interested in any way in South African mining affairs. Mr. Hammond says:

"The year (1899) has ended in the sternest war of the last quarter-century—a war springing solely from the struggle of the new spirit of industrial progress against the old forces of political repression. And sooner or later by force of arms or by sheer moral power, the conflict is certain to end in the emancipation of enterprise and the freedom of engineering effort to develop to the utmost the economic resources of one of the richest mineral regions of the world. The solution

of the present crisis will, no doubt, have a strong, though indirect, influence in that development of the African continent of which Cecil Rhodes is the leading exponent. It is not to be believed for a moment that he-or any association of men-has directly influenced the precipitation of the present struggle, nor that it would have been possible for him to do so had he been disposed. It is part of an organic progress toward fuller life in a region destined to play a large part in the world's economic future. Mr. Rhodes is keen to discern the march of events, and to place himself in the lead in ordering and directing them. The Boer government has been in the hopeless attitude of striving to stay them. It is obvious that the whole world is vitally concerned in the wise and permanent adjustment of the South African problem. It is an economic question, in which the engineer's insight is clearest and his influence strongest. Every man in the profession should array himself on the side of sound and enlightened policy, to the end that the English Government may not only make such a policy the basis of its dealings with future Africa, but may clearly and promptly declare the justice, honor and liberality of its purpose, and so enlist the moral adherence of the civilized globe."

SENATE FINANCIAL MEASURE.

One feature of the new financial scheme has not been very much noticed. It forbids the issuance of National banknotes in future, and the reissuance of greenbacks and treasury notes of less denomination than ten dollars, and the issuance of silver certificates of greater denomination than ten dollars.

It will be observed that the money employed in all small transactions will be silver or its representative certificates, and gold coins below ten dollars. As no gold is coined in less denominations than five dollars, though there are outstanding a few two-anda-half-dollar pieces, the bulk of all small transactions will be through the medium of silver or its proper representative. The five dollar gold pieces, outside of California and a circumscribed adjacent region will perform very little part, as gold coins elsewhere in the nation are very little in circulation, and in the greater part almost none.

This leaves vacant a considerable field for silver circulation, either in coin or its paper substitutes. It is said that \$800,000,000 are required in the retail business of the country, and it is in small amounts, much of it in sums less than ten dollars. The measure says nothing about the legal tender quality, but as it does not repeal the existing law which makes silver dollars legal tender in unlimited sums, it was unnecessary to confer anew that

quality.

How much silver will be required in business in the new conditions thus created can be but a matter of uncertain estimation. Mr. Lacy, late Controller of the Currency, thinks that were silver to be used wholly in transactions under ten dollars the aggregate sum required would be three or four hundred million dollars. As it and gold coins under the denomination of ten dollars will have to do all the work, considerably more than Mr. Lacy's estimate will be needed. The silver already coined and the silver bullion in the treasury amount to something like \$500,000,-000. As the new measure does not put a stop to the coinage of the bullion on hand, it is presumable that it will go on at the rate of \$18,000,000 per annum, but it will take sev-

eral years to exhaust it at that rate. This coinage of the silver bullion will not, however, increase the volume of money, as it is provided that the treasury notes shall be retired and canceled as fast as silver is coined.

The system thus quoted is peculiar and enigmatical. The new measure declares that the gold dollar composed of 25.8 grains ninety per cent fine, shall be the unit of value; that is to say that all else shall be measured by it, and that the parity of the two metals shall be maintained, or in other words, that the market price and debt-paying price shall be made equal. The theory of the advocates of the gold standard is that the value of silver shall be determined by its market price as a commodity instead of the denominational value stamped upon it at the mint. Silver then, as a matter of sentiment will be debarred.

The price of gold does not fluctuate in the markets because it has a fixed coinage value. It is that, and that only, which gives it steadiness. Silver would have the same steadiness of price in the markets were it treated as gold is at the mints. Coinage and commodity val-ues would be the same in regard to both metals were the coinage laws applicable to both.

Discarded as silver is in the theory of the friends of the single gold standard, and notwithstanding their efforts to disparage it as a money, still they have not dared to wholly ig-Indeed, they are forced by the necessity which confronts them to give silver a large recognition, or it may be more accurate to say a large toleration. Necessity forces its use in fractional coins, and as business grows out of proportion to the increase of gold the necessity for a large use of silver will become more and more pressing.

A money system must be founded on com-

mon sense-the first feature is to assure amplitude of the money volume. It is not common sense to worship one material as a fetish. Whatever material is necessary to supply the needs of commerce must be employed. It should not be forgotten that money is a tool of commerce, and that law only defines it.

MINING INTERESTS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Much of the recent development of Africa, especially in the southern part, where the greatest rapidity of development has occurred, is due to the discovery and exploitation of extremely valuable mineral deposits. most valuable of these are gold and diamonds, though incidentally it may be mentioned that the iron, coal, and other mineral deposits of South and South-east Africa give promise of great value, when wealth-seeking man has time to turn his attention from the gold mines to those which promise less but

perhaps equally certain profits. That the gold and diamond mines of South Africa have been, and still are, wonderfully profitable is beyond question. The Kimberly diamond mines, which are located in British territory, just outside the boundaries of the Orange Free State and about 600 miles from Cape Town, now supply 98 percent of the diamonds of commerce, although their existence was unknown previous to 1867, and the mines have thus been in operation but about thirty years. It is estimated that \$350,000,000 worth of rough diamonds, worth double that sum after cutting, have been produced from the Kimberly Mines since their opening in 1868-69, and this enormous production would have been greatly increased but for the fact that the owners of the various mines in this vicinity formed an agreement by which the annual output was so limited as to

meet but not materially exceed the annual consumption of the world's diamond markets. So plentiful is the supply, and so comparatively inexpensive the work of production that diamond digging in other parts of the world has almost ceased since the South African mines entered the field, and the result is, as stated above, that they now supply 98 per cent of the diamonds of commerce.

Equally wonderful and promising are the great "Witwatersrand" gold fields of South Africa, located in the South African Republic, better known as the "Johannesburg" Mines. The Dutch word, Witwatersrand, means literally "White Water Range," the strip of territory, a few hundred miles long and a few miles in width, to which it is applied, was but a few years ago considered a nearly worthless ridge, useful only for the pasturage of cattle and sheep, and for even this comparatively valueless. In 1883, however, gold was discovered, and in 1884, the gold production was about \$50,000. It increased with startling rapidity, the production of 1888 being about \$5,000,000; that of 1890, \$10,000,000; 1893, over \$20,000,000; 1895, over \$40,000,000; and 1897 and 1898, about \$55,000,000. Other estimates have been placed higher. This wonderful development has attracted great attention to South Africa, and drawn thither thousands of people in the hope of realizing quick fortunes. Development, however, showed that the mines could only be successfully worked by the use of costly machinery, and while they have been extremely productive where machinery has been used, they are not of such a character as to make hand or placer mining profitable, as was the case in California.

The gold production in the "Rand," since

1884, has been over \$300,000,000; and careful surveys of the field, by the use of drills and other processes of experts, show beyond question that "the gold in sight" probably amounts to \$3,500,000,000, while the large territory, particularly in parts of Rhodesia, give promise of additional supplies, so that it seems probable that South Africa will for many years continue to be, as it now is, the largest gold-producing section in the world. Recent discoveries lead to the belief that these wonderfully rich mines are the longlost "gold of Ophir," from which Solomon obtained his supplies, making a navy of ships in Ezion geber, which is opposite Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom, and Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon; and they came to Ophir and fetched from thence gold and brought it to King Solomon.'

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The originator and inceptor of this marvelous institution, Edward P. Allis, was a native ous institution, Edward P. Allis, was a flative of Cazenovia, N. Y., at which place he was born, May 12, 1824. He was a graduate at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. In 1846, he removed to Milwaukee, Wis, where he formed a partnership with William Allen, and conducted a leather store. Subsequently the firm built and operated a large tannery at Two Rivers, Wis,, but the business not being entirely to his taste, Mr. Allis sold his interest in 1854. In 1860, with Mr. C. D. Nash and Mr. McGregor, Mr. Allis purchased the Reliance Works. A few months later he bought his partners' interests and became sole owner and assumed personal supervision, which he continued until his death.

The Reliance Works, when purchased by Mr. Allis, was merely a small shop where machinery was repaired and special work made to order, the annual business amounting in all to not over \$31,000. Within four years of that time, however, under the energetic management of the new owner, the annual business had been increased to \$100,-000. After his death, which occurred April 1, 1889, the old Reliance Works was incorporated as the Edward P. Allis Company, the capital stock amounting to \$1,500,000, being owned entirely by the Allis family.

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KLONDIKE GOLD FIELDS.

(By TAPPAN ADNEY.)

Klondike (it was then only Yukon) lay for 15 years known only to a small though constantly increasing band of hardy adventurers, who hoped one day to make a fortune, but who were contented if they made a "grub-stake" for the next year. Three to five hundred dollars represented a "grub-stake"; some made considerably more, but few made less. All the gold found was in surface diggings, and if there was any other the frost, which froze the ground to an unknown depth, made it impossible to learn. Thus as early as 1882 a party was camped over the richest part of El Dorado, in a place frosted with surface gold. This

gold that might cling thereto. This fine gold, in which there was also much worthless magnetic black sand and valuable platinum (which the miners either did not recognize, or consider worth saving), was turned into a bucket, along with a spoonful or more of quicksilver, and "jounced" up and down in the river. The miner wore hip rubber boots for that purpose. When all the gold had united with the quicksilver, and amalgam formed, the latter product was placed in a mining pan and carefully "panned" at the water's edge, until all the lighter dirt was washed out, when the mass was placed in a stout cotton-bag and the quicksilver squeezed out for further use. The lump was then placed in a pan over a fire, the heat of which expelled the re-

the head of the claim. The last half dozen boxes of the string are fitted with "riffles," some being crosswise, others lengthwise, into the spaces of which the gold falls. Formerly the fine gold worked clean out of this crude contrivance and was lost.

Forty-Mile was the only stream discovered in which the bed rock came close to the surface, all the others were covered, no one knew to what depth. With the long-handled, California shovel a miner can shovel twelve or thirteen feet. He can shovel once upon a high platform, and thence into the boxes; but it is not profitable to handle the dirt more than twice. So, as the diggings of Bonanza and El Dorado average twenty to thirty feet, it will readily be seen that the Klondike



1. BUILDING A CABIN
2. ROCKING OUT DIRT ON FRENCH HILL

surface gold was as fine as cornmeal, and was secured from the "bars," or low banks of the rivers by means of a "rocker"—a sort of box-like cradle, with a perforated metal top and a blanket set inside at an angle. A shovelful of dirt containing the gold was put into the metal top, water was poured in with a long-handled dipper and at the same time the rocker was put in motion by means of an upright handle nailed to the side of the box. The larger rocks were lifted out by hand, but the residue was carried through by the water, the fine gold clinging to the blanket. After thirty to fifty "rockers" the blanket was taken out, and the "riffles"—a frame with cross pieces which prevents the gold from running out too rapidly—washed down to remove any

3. CLEANING RIFFLES

maining quicksilver, leaving a lump of fine gold, which was placed in a buckskin sack. There were only about two months in midsummer when mining could be done. The sun, rising to 80° in the shade, thawed the ground about a foot a day. But the system changed. In 1886, the first "coarse" gold in the Yukon was discovered on Forty-Mile, which resulted in an abandonment of fine gold diggings. The rocker is retained to this day, and is always used where there is a scarcity of water. In latter operations the finding of "coarse" gold made it possible to employ sluice-boxes. A sluice-box is twelve feet long by a foot wide and about thirty or forty boxes are set upon posts at a certain grade, over the ground to be worked, leading from a dam at

5. FLUME ON BONANZA CREEK 4. PANNING ON EL DORADO

would probably have remained unknown were it not for an accidental circumstance.

Some young men—boys they were called—tried thawing the ground with fire, but they were laughed at. A miner is pre-eminently a man of intelligence and resource, yet strangely slow to grasp an entirely new idea.

Hutchinson was one of the first to try burning. He had been working a bar during the summer, and could not reach some rich ground because of the water in the river. So, when winter set in, he conceived the ingenious plan of digging through the ice over a wide space. He was careful not to dig quite through. As the ice froze deeper day by day over the space he was digging, he reached the gravel bottom, having thus constructed a coffer-dam of



ROCKING OUT GOLD.

ice around him. He placed a fire on the gravel, and took out some gold, but the heat of the fire melted his walls, and the water flooded him out. Next year, however, a miner by the name of "Kink" Miller thought it would be a good thing to "prospect" and fire a shallow claim he intended to work the following summer. After that, when it was seen what fire would do, a few others began to sink deeper holes. The next step, when bed rock had been reached, was to burn along the rock. This is termed "drifting" and only came into general use about three years before the Klondike was discovered. The dirt obtained was hoisted out by means of a crude log windlass, but as it froze again immediately upon reaching the air, it was laid aside until spring, when the sun thawed out the heap, or "dump." It was then shoveled into sluice-boxes. A result of the new discovery was the dividing of the diggings, according to their depth, into "summer diggings" and "winter diggings." Summer work is much

less expensive than winter work, and the diggings at Forty-Mile and elsewhere in American territory are mostly summer dggings. At Klondike there is a much larger proportion of winter diggings. The American mines do not yet show the concentrated richness of the Klondike and so perhaps may never startle the world with "show" pans; but the most careful observers (such as Mr. Sam Dunham — the United States Labor Statistican) believe that the mines in our own country will prove of more economic value to the country at large than the somewhat richer but more expensive mines of Klondike.

The hardships of the Yukon are in one sense over-estimated. The long, dark, cold nights of winter, when the mercury drops to nearly sixty below zero, are wearing in the extreme, and homesickness is the most serious malady. The chief hardships are mere discomforts, to which a person becomes accustomed. March is the pleasantest month. Then there are as many hours of sunlight as in the Northern United States. In June the sun dips a few hours behind the mountain, and it is broad daylight at midnight. Even the birds, which make the woods and hillsides resound with their songs, sleep during the heat of the day and hunt and sing at night. To avoid the glare, tents are frequently made of dark blue denim. The miners work double shifts on the claims. There are hardly more than seventy days when water does not freeze. There is no night in Dawson during midsummer, and until saloons were closed on Sunday there was no Sunday either.

Until the past summer the social life of the mining camp centered in the saloon, and this was particularly true in winter. The saloons of a mining camp have no counterpart in the East, and the Yukon saloons have none anywhere. They contain a bar where whiskey and cigars are sold at half a dollar each; but there is also a barrel of clear, pure drinking water at the end of the bar, or to one corner, with a dipper on a nail—weicome to all. There might be tables covered with old, muchworn newspapers, and under the same roof, generally separated by a partition, elaborate gambling layouts, and perhaps a theatre and dance-hall.

Los Angeles Exposition.

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It is also proposed to have a perfect representation of a mine with drift over six feet high, with ore cars and cages, showing shafts and drifts where people may become familiar with the actual operation of the mines.

The industrial exhibit will embrace not only the articles manufactured in Southern California, but many attractive and interesting displays of works of art pertaining to educational advantages of this section.

An extensive program of novel and unique entertainment has also been prepared.





WORKING A BENCH CLAIM WITH SLUICE BOXES

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN COAL FIELD

By F. H. HEALD.

This coal field is located in Kern county, about 36 miles north-east of Mojave and about 15 miles north-west of Randsburg, in the sandstone formation which forms the base

so easy to determine boundarys, especially of the coal on account of many evidences of it having been destroyed by volcanic action. Even the peak of Black mountain itself is the crater of an immense Volcano and is capped with more than 200 feet of loose and solid lava and down the sides for perhaps 1500 feet was about two inches thick, showing clearly that it was coal and burning on a red hot stove. About 400 feet further on I sunk 16 feet and struck the coal seven inches thick, but of very poor quality and colored red by its near proximity to the surface and to the water coming from iron ledges in the Goler mountains. However, I drifted on this until it be-

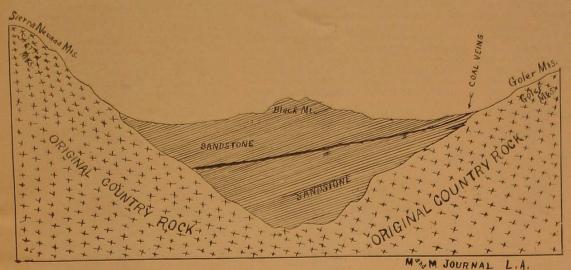
mountains. However, I drifted on this until it became a twelve vein, then I skipped two hundred feet and sunk again, this time reaching the first vein fifty feet. This vein is about four feet wide, but only from eleven to eighteen inches of solid coal, the balance being coal, dirt, etc., mixed. This should however turn to solid coal at a few hundred feet further into the mountain.

I have followed this vein about sixty feet and find more coal in the broken coal matter above the solid coal. Leaving this vein I sunk on down twenty feet more and reached a vein of forty-two inches of coal and coal matter.

About twenty-one inches strips, divided by three being pure coal but in four

being pure coal, but in four strips of coal, dirt, etc., mixed. This second vein contains a better quality of coal than the vein above, and also contains more of the rings or disks, which I discribed and the JOURNAL kindly illustrated, in a former letter. August 15th, 1899.

I have not yet reached the third vein, but have reached the depth of 85 feet. The next vein will be the one I struck at 15 feet, discribed in the first shaft and should be according to the rule (the departure of the angles of the roof and floor,) forty-eight inches of



CROSS SECTION BLACK MOUNTAIN, GARLOCK, CAL.

of Black Mountain or El Paso Peak. This sandstone is recorded in the history of our California geology as the oldest sandstone in the state, which so far as I have seen certainly is. This sandstone has at some past age been formed in the bottom of a sea, of which the goler range of mountains was the south shore.

The coal was caused by immense beds of mud in the bottom of this sea almost at its first beginning and this mud may have been made in any of several different ways. It may have been made by beds of roots

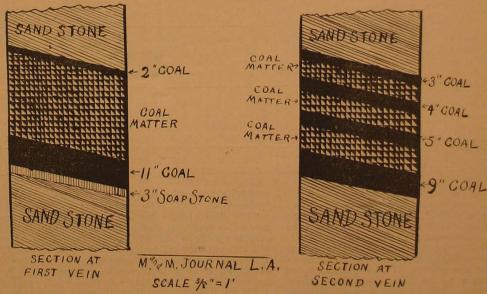
may have been made by beds of roots or Peet, by a vast Lake of reeds and bull rushes, or by immense washes of leaves, sticks, grasses and other vegetation, and afterwards covered by drifts of sandwash. The latter would appear to be the origin of the coal, judging from the fossil leaves plainly visible in the soapstone under, and the fire clay over each vein of coal.

This lake shore laying as it does against the north side of the Goler mountains exposes the coal, in places, where the great weight of the sandstone above it, has pinched or pressed it up on the old shore. In this way I have been enabled to discover the rim line of 1600 acres. The coal veins or layers underlie many thousand acres back of this towards and beyond the Black mountain, but the down pitch of the sand stone (between which the coal lays) is so great, and the mountain rises so rapidly, that it is unlikely that the coal will ever be reached except through the land now taken, along the south rim or edge. The cut showing a cross section of the Goler mountains and

section of the Goler mountains and the Black mountains will make the situation more plain.

Looking east, with the Goler mountains to the south and the Sierra Nevadas' to the north; the ancient sea (now sand stone) containing Black mountain, would be about 20 miles in diameter, while east and west it is not from the crater, the volcanic ash and mud is forced through, between the layers of sand stone horizontally, often displacing and tilting it in different directions. How far from the crater, the coal beds would be affected by the fire can only be a matter of conjecture, except, that there would undoubtedly be a vast body of natural coke between the good coal and that which is destroyed by heat.

In prospecting for the coal I have sunk shafts and drifted, aggregating perhaps 1500 feet, proving beyond a doubt in my own mind,



COAL VEIN IN HEALDS MINE AT GARLOCK, CAL.

or to any good western coal expert that there are three veins of coal underlying this basin.

Commencing at the south rim within a few feet of the country rock composing these mountains, at the last discovery I found a small streak of coal not more than 1/2 of an inch in thickness. This I followed until it

solid coal and of an excellent variety. The coal has been used in considerable amounts at Garlock and Randsburg for domestic purposes and answers very well even at this short distance from the rim or its extreme limit. The second vein makes an excellent steam coal and both do remarkably well in a

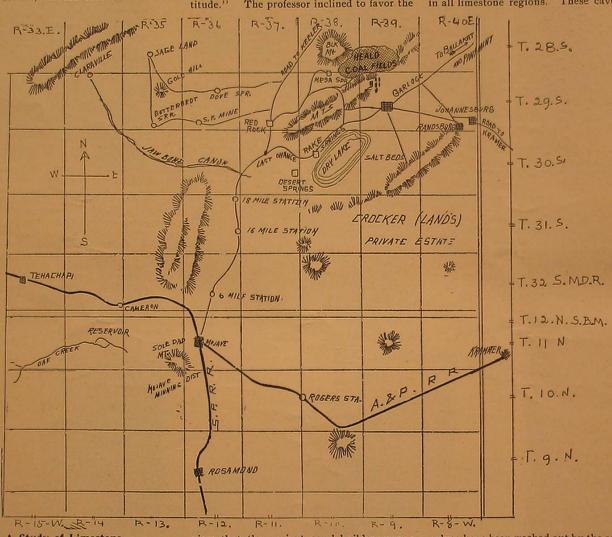
forge for sharpening or even welding tools. It is not, however, Blacksmith coal and for that business makes entirely too much blaze for comfort.

Enough has been done to prove the excellence of the coal and that farther in there must be large bodies of it. When the beds are opened properly the territory of their market will be half of the Pacific coast and half of the Pacific cape the great railroads reaching the coast, all the vast machinery which is and will be crushing our ores, and all the mighty smelters, which are soon to be planted in every direction through the mountains and deserts, for the coal can be made nto coke.

shells are stuck together with carbonate of lime and mud. Coquina, too, may be coarse or fine, even when the shells are so small as to be almost indistinguishable. It is all carbonate of lime, either limestones built up by animals or the remains of their hard parts. The very coral reefs, such as are found in a few places, notably in Bermuda, Spitzbergen and in China, would indicate that either the animals that formed them were more hardy than those which at present build up the corals and which can only live between 25 degrees north and south lattitude and the equator, or that the warmer waters extended much farther to the north, at least as far as to 80 degrees north lat-titude." The professor inclined to favor the The professor inclined to favor the

Lebanon and Lancaster and the Cumberland Valleys. Thus in our nearest neighborhood, and as a part of the City of Philadelphia, we have not only some of the youngest in these limestones. When compacted and crystallized these rocks form our native marbles, extending from this vicinity into Tennessee.

The solubility of limestone in water gives us other forms, which we call deuterogenous. The original limestone rocks are ontogenous. The alabastros of Egypt have been once dissolved limestone. Mexican onyx is not an onyx at all, but merely a form of deuteroneous deposit. Every one is familiar with the stalactites and stalagmites of the caves found in all limestone regions. These caves them-



A Study of Limestone.

"There is not enough lime in the ocean waters of to-day", said Prof. Heilprin some years ago, "to furnish the material we find so abundantly laid down in the limestone rocks, the organic limestones we see about us. From this we must conclude that other oceanic conditions once existed. The organic limestones are made up by the marine animals, whose hard parts or housebuilding survive in these great masses of rocks. The fresh water and land animals also play their part, such as mussels and snails. No difference can be dist-inguished between limestones which may have been separated in time of formation by millions of years. These remains are familiar to many of us in the coquina rocks of Florida and in the ordinary oyster shell reef, where the coarse

view that the ancient coral builders were a

hardier race.
"The floor of the ocean is a whitish gray mud called ooze", he continued, "which may exist at a depth of 500 feet or 15,000 feet. It will make in time rocks, like the chalk pits of England and France, a globigerenous ooze, so called from the globular creature, the globigerina, which makes in dying, these deposits."
"When limestone has been formed into

crystals it become marble, such as the marbles a few miles from this city. The dull-looking limestone rocks, which do not glisten when they are broken are comparatively recent. They form the great valley which extends from Newburgh on the Hudson, away down to Georgia, known hereabouts as the White Marsh as Chester Valley; farther away the selves have been washed out by the seas which formerly were on the frontier. The land waters percolating through the lime into the caves form the beautiful deuterogenous materials which we know under various names, and form a crust. It is from flowing water, lime bearing streams, such as the Etruscan Spring of Carlsbad, in Bavaria, that these de-Into this water numerous posits are made. objects are suspended to become incrusted and sold as bric-a-brac.

With the carbonate of lime in these rocks we have been discussing is sometimes associated the carbonate of magnesia, which forms the rocks known as the dolomites. The Swiss Alps are made up of gneisses, shales and schists, but the Alps of Dalmatia are dolomites. The peculiarities of these last rocks is

their jagged and peaked appearance. The dolomites give us the statuary marble and the beautiful pearlspar. Our near limestones, in the vicinity of Philadelphia, are the same that stretch up trough New England and almost to the artic circle, certainly to Newfoundland. They give no evidence of ever having been covered by the ocean. Some limestones in New York and New Jersey do contain fossils, but those in our neighborhood are searched in vain. All these are recent rocks, built up by organized bodies.

Limestone regions contain, as well a scover, the depressions known as "sinks", where the rock has been hollowed out by the action of water. Florida is full of sinks. Old coral reefs are peculiar; later Bermuda perched up or what is probably an old volcano, built up on something, certainly. There is also in the heart of Russia a great buttress, from 1500 to 2000 feet high, and one in the heart of Austria. Old coral reefs form an ocean long extinct.

THE METALLURGY OF GOLD.

BY L. J. STABLER. (Continued from our issue of Jan. 15th, 1900.)
THE CYANIDE PROCESS.

The practical value of this process has been verified by the erection and operation of some fifty mills, with a monthly capacity of 50,-000 tons of tailings, concentrates and ore from which is extracted one-half million dollars of gold each month, which is added to the

world's available gold reserve.

The leaching with weak cyanide solutions is applicable to free milling ores and to all refractory ores, containing only a small quantity of soluble acid compounds. Highly silicious and basic ores give high degrees of extraction with cyanide treatment, but to determine the adaptibility of an acidic or pyritiferous ore to the treatment requires an experimental investigation, before an opinion can be given. Tailings, containing "floured quick" yield up their value to the potassium cyanide during treatment. The quicksilver amalgam, that is sometimes found in tailings, is mechanically collected while discharging the pulp from the vats. The gold and silver are recovered from amalgam by distillation.

The appliances for treating ores, tailings and concentrates are of great variety, both in size and design, the general principle in all of them being the same. The objects which they have to fulfill consist briefly in:

(1) Lixivation of the ore tailings, or con-centrates with weak solution of cyanide of potassium, for the purpose of dissolving gold.

(2) Treatment of the solution to precipitate the dissolved gold in the metallic form.

The ore is crushed to the degree of fine ness that has been found to give the highest degree of extraction. It is placed in the leaching vats for treatment. The size of the vats is only restricted by the amount of ore to be handled. Large vats are more economical than a number of small ones equal to the same capacity. These vats are con-structed from brick and cement or concrete and timber. Whatever be the material of the vats, they must be constructed with a false or filter bottom. In small vats this is of "duck" resting on a wooden grating, in large ones it is of canvas burlap or cocoanut matting, supported on wooden filter slats. The vats are filled with ore and the cyanide solution, of proper strength, is added until the ore is cov-The time of treatment depends on the ore, lasting from 24 hours to 20 days. The percolation is continued so long as the solution shows a profitable extraction.

The cyanide solution containing the gold

is next passed through a series of vessels containing zinc shavings. The gold is precipitated by the zinc in the metallic form. In order to effect a clean-up, the cyanide solution is shut off from the precipitating boxes, and a stream of clean water is passed through The zinc shavings are shaken so as to detach as much of the gold slime as possible, and cause it to collect in the space under the false bottom. The gold is removed and the zinc compartment is refilled with zinc shavings. The fine slimes which have been collected from the various compartments are dried, calcined, flued and run into bars of base bullion, which is shipped to the mint.

PRACTICAL CONDUCT OF THE PROCESS.

In considering the treatment required for any given crushed ore or tailings, the following points have to be observed:

(1) Is the gold it contains coarse or fine?

Is the material acid or neutral? What metals, with a strong affinity for cyanogen, does the material contain?

The degree of coarseness of the gold determines in a large measure the length of time required in contact with the cyanide solution for dissolution. In pyritic concentrates a long time is required for solution of the gold, gold is generally coarse and present in large quantity. It requires time for the solution to penetrate between the laminæ of the pyrites crystals. The small quantity of solution which can penetrate such interstices will be held by capillarity, under these conditions diffusion will naturally be slow.

By "acidity" of the ore is understood the product resulting from the partial oxidation of the pyrites. These products consist chiefly of free sulphuric acid, soluble me allic salts.

These products are destructive to cyanide, forming with it compounds useless in the ex-

traction of gold.

There are certain compounds found in gold ores, such as copper glance, that consume a large quantity of cyanide. In many cases, a very weak solution of potassium cyanide seems to exert a peculiarly selective action upon the gold in this class of ore.

The "acidic" tailings in many cases can

be worked by neutralizing with an alkali, or alkaline earth, before treating with cyanide. NOTES ON THE CHEMISTRY OF THE PROCESS.

Elsiner's equation for the dissolution of gold by cyanide of potassium is the one gen-

erally accepted:

2 An 4 K Cy O H2 O=2 An K Cy 2 K O H. According to the above formula, an atom of oxygen is required in the reaction. Several investigators have experimented upon adding oxydizing agents to the filter vats. With some ores the oxygen-yielding compounds give a higher degree of extraction. In most cases the oxygen of the atmosphere is sufficient to supply the amount required.

The reaction which takes place when hydrocyanic acid dissolves the gold from said tailings may be represented by the equation:

2 An 8 H Cy 3 O=2 An (H Cy)⁴ 3 H² O. The gold in this compound is very imperfeetly precipitated by zinc. If caustic soda or potash is added precipitation is produced.

In theory, the precipitation of gold from anro potassic cyanide is as follows:

2 An K Cy² Zn=Zn K² Cy⁴ 2 An. The precipitation is more rapid in the presence of an excess of potassium cyanide, for electro-chemical reasons.

CHLORINATION PROCESS.

One of the first steps in the process is the roasting of the ore. A mixture of the sulphides of iron, copper, lead and zinc will ab-

sorb a large quantity of chlorine. The gold would not be acted upon until the other met-als present were satisfied with chlorine. To are present were satisfied with enforces. To prevent the large absorption of chlorine gas, the ore is roasted to expel sulphur, arsenic and antimony. The metals are changed to oxide. This is done in large, heated furnaces, through which a current of air is passing. If the oxides of copper, calcium or magnesium are present, salt is added in roasting so as to satisfy these metals with chlorine. From the furnace the ore is sent to the cooling floor, where it is allowed to cool.

The chlorinating plant consists of a chlorinating barrel, filters, storage tanks, precipitating tanks and settling tanks.

The chlorinating barrel is a lead-lined cyl-inder, provided with suitable journals and driving pulleys, and with a charging door and test valve. It should make about fifteen revolutions a minute. Before charging with roasted ore sufficient water is put in the chlorinating barrel to make an easy flowing pulp. From 100 to 125 gallons will do for a ton of ore. A sufficient quantity of chloride of lime and sulphuric acid is added to convert all the base metals as well as the gold into chlorides. The charging door is closed and the barrel rotated four to six hours.

By means of the test valve the existence of free chlorine is ascertained, and if free chlorine is present, the ore is thrown direct on the filter and leached until all the chloride of gold

is removed from the pulp.

The filters have their bottom covered with perforated glass tile; on this rests a graded filter bed topped off with clean river sand.

The solution from the filters is stored in tanks. From the storage tanks the solution passes into the precipitating tanks where it is treated with fenous sulphate, the gold is precipitated as metallic gold and settles to the bottom of the tank. The gold is collected and washed free from iron salts, dried and melted with soda and borax in graphite crucibles into bullion.

ELECTRO-CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF ORES. The experiments described in this paper were undertaken to show the efficiency of electro-chemical processes for extracting gold and silver from rebellious ores and tailings. There are many conflicting opinions and very little literature upon the subject that is founded upon experimental data.

The experiments were made in a rotating The barrel is lined on the inside with an amalgamated copper plate. This plate is connected with the negative pole of the Edison cells and forms the cathode in the barrel. All around inside of this and close to it, there is placed a row of iron blades. These blades are separated some distance apart so that the ore can pass freely between them and come in contact with the amalgamated plate. The blades are insulated from the barrel and are connected with the positive pole of battery.

Any free gold in the ore comes in contact with the amalgamated plate and is retained by it. The ore comes freely in contact with the anode and the solvent used becomes very active under the influence of the electric current. The gold and silver that goes into solution is at once deposited on the amalgam-ated plate and the solvent is free to dissolve

more of the precious metal. Sodium chloride may be added to reduce the resistance or increase the conductivity. When the liquid contains only sodium chloride ore to ten percent, the primary decomposition will be sodium and chlorine. The sodium is liberated at the cathode, under the mercury, and forms sodium amalgam, when

the current ceases this amalgam acts on the water, forming sodium hydroxide and liberat-ing hydrogeu. The chlorine that is liberated at the anode is taken up by the solution and neutralized by the sodium hydroxide at the cathode, forming sodium chloride and sodium hypochlorite. The sodium hypochlorite acts on the potassium cyanide present oxidizing it into cyanate, a salt easily decomposed and useless as a solvent.

Small quantities of sodium are often added to mercury to prevent flouring in these exper-iments; it is provided electrolytically. The surface of the mercury being strongly polarized by both the electric current and the sodium, the particles of float gold and silver will be readily seized by the mercury when they approach the surface. The surface tension is altered by the difference in electrical potential between the surface mercury and the liquid, and this helps the particles to come into actual contact with the mercury. This is what happens when flouring is prevented and a metallic contact with mercury takes place.

NOTES ON YMIR MINE AND ITS MILL PRACTICES.

BY S. S. FOWLER, S. B., NELSON, B. C.

Subsequently to the deposition of the ore of both these bodies, the dykes were intruded and the fractures which rendered their presence possible seem to have been followed by movements more or less in the direction of the plane of the vein and in parts, along both walls, with the result that other fissures were formed, some extending for some distance into the footwall country, diagonally to the strike of the vein, and others along the hanging wall. These last fissures are filled with a very nearly barren white quartz, carrying at times sharply angular fragments of slate.

The later movements have also created fractures in the ore body, along one of which at least, where there is a local concentration of galena, oxidizing action has been going on with the result of producing a band of "carbonate" affording fine specimens of Cerussite and a local but marked increase in the gold values, the gold being largely free but invis-

ible except after careful panning.

Another effect of these movements is the faulting and the fracturing of the dykes, and their being more subject to alteration. faulting movement is in the direction of the plane of the vein, but nowhere has it been extensive, i.e., not more than 3 or 4 feet. The material alone the plane is usually so soft as to make it difficult to get specimens showing striation, still we have one from the hanging wall with two distinct series of striæ.

Stoping has not yet proceeded far enough to enable us to know all we desire of the structural features of the vein, but before leaving this part of our subject, I may cite an interesting freak of the larger of the two main dikes we have met with. In the No. 2 level, a four foot dike comes squarely up to the foot wall, where it turns a right angle to the lost wall, where it turns a right angle to the left along the wall, and so continues, gradually curving to the right for 20 feet where it crossed the drift squarely. Going through the dike we found slate, and crosscutting on the other side of the dike, we found it suddenly turning again and butting against a fault fissure, nearly filled with two feet of calcite. Just how or where the dike proceeds into the hanging wall we do not yet know, nor is it specially important. The main point to be observed is that our failure to closely examine what we presumed to be the footwall rock led us astray, and into an expense which was useless at the time except to reveal an interesting structure.

We have not yet developed any special mining system at the Ymir, nor have so far encountered the necessity of any, for the first stoping was done only in March last, and since the first of June our mill has been principally employed in handling an accumulation of several thousand tons on dumps.

However, the fact that much of the ore body is too wide for stulls, and that good mining timbers are scarce, together with the presence of what will probably prove to be a not too strong hanging-wall, will undoubt-edly necessitate a system of combined crib work, filled with waste and square setting.

The mine produces two general classes of ore; first, mill stuff; second, crude ore. The former is sent directly to mill by a Hallidie ropeway, about 2,400 feet in length from the mouth of No. 3 tunnel, i. e., the lowest which has exit to the surface. The second general class consists of two sub-classes-crude galena and oxidized ore or carbonate. Both of these are small in amount compared to the milling ore, and they are shipped directly to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, the crude ore in bulk and the carbonate in sacks. Milling material on reaching a bin at the lower tramway terminal passes through a No. 3 Gates Crusher, which reduces the coarsest to pass about a 2-111ch ring. Below the crusher is a 200-ton bin from which the feed passes by a tram car, after being weighed into the battery bins proper. The crusher and tram terminal are in a separate building, but the cost of tramming is a very small item.

The mill proper embraces a 40 stamp 850 lbs. battery, arranged in four sets of ten stamps each, eight silvered copper plates, 56 inches by 12 feet, four sets of 4-cone classifiers, and 6-foot Frue vanuers. This plant is driven by water with a 6 feet Pelton wheel, under 415 feet net head, the crusher being separately driven by a 24-inch motor, under 320 feet head. The stamps make from 96 to 102, 6½ inch drops per minute, and with an average issue of 7 inches, crush a little over a 100 tons per diem through No. 9 diagonal slot screens, i. e. slightly over 21/2 tons per day per stamp.

We have found a tendency toward banking of the pulp at each end of the mortar, to avoid which we give the first and fifth stamps about 11/2 inch greater drop. I may also say that we intend trying the method of the introduction of feed water advocated by Mr. Bernald McDonald, which formed the subject of an interesting paper read before the Canadian

Institute Mining Engineers.

In operation we employ one inside plate, and on it accumulate about 40 per cent of our gold. The outside plates slope two inches in a foot, and on the upper 24 inches of their length we gather about 80 per cent of the recovered free gold which passes the screens. The lower part of the plate, (10 feet) we find to be very valuable, and it passes an extremely small amount only of free gold. An interesting feature of the operation of the lower part of the plate is that the amalgam on that portion is very much higher in silver than that gathered elsewhere, and proportionately lower in gold.

Zinc blende and pyrite cause us no trouble keeping the plates clean, but the extremely small size of the galena particles, together with their gravity causes them to catch in the minute depressions of the amalgam and gradually to cover the latter. For this reason our plates are dressed every six hours, and thus we are able to keep them in excellent condition. This result we consider good work in view of the fact that our concentrates amount to 6.2 per cent of the mill feed, and contain over 14 per cent lead and to per cent zinc.

The bullion produced averages about .58 gold, 40 silver, .02 per cent. base, showing practically no amalgamation of lead, but the presence of a considerable amount of silver.

Without disclosing the gold tenure of our tailings, I may say that they are most satis-factory, and in fact are remarkably low when we consider the apparent baseness of the ore. Of the total gold and silver recovered, we find in the bullion 82 per cent of the gold, 27 per cent of the silver, and in concentrates 18
per cent of gold and 73 per cent of silver.

The ore, thus far, has shown itself quite
free from acids and from arsenic, antimony

and tellurium, a fact which is partially reflected in the very low consumption of quick silver, viz., about two tenths of one ounce

avoirdupois per ton crushed

Other properties in the vicinity of the Ymir are not yet sufficiently developed to show whether this mine is exceptional in its size or the character of its ore, but it seems highly probable that the success which seems in store for it will have much to do toward bringing the Salmon River country into

GEOLOGY OF THE COCHITI.

WM. JENES.

(Continued from our issue of Jan. 15, 1900.)

It is not to be supposed that the mineral deposition was necessarily contemporaneous with any disturbance, though great mineralization and great disturbance go hand in hand; without faults, fissures and contor-tions, mineral is usually absent.

The fissures were formed and filled at some earlier period, perhaps archaean, metamor-phic, sedimentary and previous to the introduction of the intrusive porphyries, as these do not interfere with the continuity of the veins. The denudation was long continued and occurred primarily in an enclosed area of water, evidences of which we find in the rounded pumiceous pebbles now to be seen in numerous places in close proximity to the mineral veins. As the pebbles will float in water, it also shows that the end came suddenly, or they would have been carried away by the receding waters. Another point to be gained from this is that it seems probable that very little erosion took place after the washing away of the great bulk of the tufa, nothing more than the ordinary atmospheric wear and tear.

It is impossible to speak with confident exactness as to the age of the different eruptions at the two ends of the line of fault fracture examined and commented upon in this paper. The age is undoubtedly postcretaceous, probably tertiary as the lavas of nearly identical basic character are seemingly coming from vertical depths, through, and capping the cretaceous formation. At the Abiquin end it has the appearance of a great dike running thorough the country. the lava is more dense and is said to carry a little silver; at the Albuquerque end, I am reliably informed that it carries, or there is in its vicinity, a little gold.

The elevation of the extreme points is not

seriously different, and eventually they may be proved to be gold bearing.

In the Jemez Range of mountains, of which the Cochiti Range is relatively a part, the pumiceous tuff was erupted during or at

the close of the jura-trias period. We find there in as clear order a base or central axis of red granite, carboniferous limestone, permian and jura-trias red and white sandstones, and variegated shales with the superincum-

bent pumiceous tuff.

In the Cochiti mineral district, gneiss, an acid rock, and diorite, and older eruptive basic rock, varying in color from light to dark green, occupy the place of the granite. The limestones and sandstones are totally absent, but as stated before the pumiceous tuff caps the older metamorphic rocks, and the proximity of and connection with the Jemez Range, certainly leads us to suppose in the absence of the sedimentary pointers that the two ranges are of the same age, and hence that they are jura-trias or pre-cretaceous.

The Cochiti District has a perfect and beautiful system of veins and spurs all leading to and apparently uniting with a mother vein.

It is at the intersections of the spurs with the mother vein, and other points where there was the least obstruction to the escaping and ascending waters, that we may expect to find the more valuable mineral.

The veins have all the characteristics of true fissures, irregularity in that they sometimes pinch down to a mere seam and again widen out, sometimes a filling of wet mud and broken quartz good ore above and probably below. The foot wall is usually smooth,

the hanging wall uneven.

As to permanency in depth, a recent authority states: "It is generally conceded now, that fissures are, comparatively speaking. surface phenomena, and that below a certain depth, where plasticity and flow of rocks under pressure come into play, open spaces cannot exist. This limit Prof. Helm, for instance, places at 16,000 feet, while Prof. Van Hise, basing his consideration on the strength of rocks, arrives at 33,000 feet as the maximum limit for hard rocks in which fissures can exist. Even the lowest of these estimates far exceeds the depth of practical mining. In considering the probable permanence of a given vein, its general character must be taken into consideration. Continuous, well-defined outcrops, and wide bodies of quartz are in general, good indications of the maintenance in depth, as is also any evidence of strong faulting and movement. Some quite extensive veins, though, have relatively short outcrops."

Cochiti, the center, was probably at some period lower in altitude than the ends and was covered by an inland sea or lake or as previously remarked, it may have been the bed of an ancient Rio Grande. How apt the quotation, "Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low."

The fissures as we now find them were or had been formed of quartz. Porphyry became the vein matter, being probably an altered country rock, that is, metamorphosed sedimentary and not due in any sense to extraneous sources. This large area was afterwards occupied by the wet volcanic tuff or tufa, the course of the river changed; and the bed of the lake partly filled.

The water was hot silicated, chlorinated and carbonated, i.e. a chemically changed water.

The intrusive porphyries then begin to appear gradually lifting up and draining the inland sea, breaking up the great mass of

tufa, and erosion takes place.

Descending chemically charged hot waters permeating the whole country, are still fur-ther heated, and their valuable load increases in their downward leaching passage, until they strike a point where pressure has made the rocks impervious, or heat has caused it to seek points of lesser resistance; i. e., fissure veins, to return at lower level to the surface.

The water in its passage upward to the surface decomposing and displacing the soda feldspar of the quartz porphyry and refilling the cavities by substitution and concentration from its burden of the precious metals. This is called the metasomatic theory and applies to many deposits both primary and secondary.

The small percentage of iron and the nearly total absence of copper, lead, zinc, etc., in the Cochiti ore, rather tends to prove that they had their origin in acid rocks. the same time there must have been other influences at work giving some veins a greater proportion of gold than others. Who can say that our transmuters of silver and other baser metals into gold under various conditions of heat, pressure, etc., are mistaken? A similar influence may have been at work here.

From the southern end of the Cochiti country nearly to the Chama River and onward this great and persistent fault fissure can be followed and recognized with very little exertion. It is so plain that he who runs may I do not pretend to say that it is mineralized everywhere. That would be expecting too much. Like all other mineral countries it has its pay and barren shoots.

The only economically valuable mineralization that I know of at present is in Pino,

Colla and Peralta Canyons.

PIERCE COUNTY MINES.

(Begun in our issue of Jan. 1st 1900.) NO WORK IN TAHOMA DISTRICT.

"The Tahoma Mining district we did not visit as no work is being done there at this time. A new trail is being built from Fairfax to the Ironclad group of mines, belonging

to the Washington Co-operative Mining syndicate, which, when completed, will be fifteen miles long. It is now within one and onehalf miles of the mines and will be completed in the spring. A half way station has been constructed at the headwaters of Voight creek.

"We are informed by those interested in the district that the veins are contacts be-tween porphyry and diorite, the ore being a chalcopyrite with calcite gangue, being from four to six feet wide on the outcrop and having been traced for 1,000 feet.

'One hundred feet of tunnel has been driven on the 'Tacoma vein', which is situated onehalf mile above the Ironclad on the Mowich river, discharging good solid ore the entire distance, which assays Copper, 33.50 per cent; silver, 9 oz.; gold, .05 oz. Total \$120 per ton.

SIMILAR TO CARBON RIVER. "It is similar to the Carbon river ore except horn-blend is absent. The outcrop on the Ironclad carries 17 per cent copper and some gold and silver, giving a total value of \$65 per ton. There are about fifty tons of on the dumps. It is calculated to have these mines operated the coming summer and the ore shipped to Tacoma via Fairfax

"Locations in Tahoma district are: Tacoma, Tacoma Extension, Niger, Gyp, Gyp Extension, Concentrate, Mowich, Ironclad, Hope, Wild Cat, Snow Shoe, Ironclad Extension. "The Glacier basin has about fifty claims,

but we were not able to get the names.

REPORT OF C. C. SNOW.

"'Mr. Phil. Reese and Mr. G. B. Monty, special committee, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, to report on Carbon River and Tahoma Mining districts, city. Gentlemen:

"In compliance with your request, I here-

with submit from a practical miner's standpoint the result of my examination of the Carbon River District, made in Sept., 1899. "The country formation in the district is

granite, porphyry, porphyroritic granite and some blue and yellow quartzite.

'The veins are found in the granite formation and are true fissure veins, which show they increase in value and width as depth is obtained. The work which has been done since I was there proves the above statement beyond a doubt.

The veins are readily traced on the surface by outcrops and the granite impregnated with hornblend. The hornblend in this district carries copper, and runs to copper, as it does in only a few camps in the United States and quite often you find quartzite running

with, or close to the vein.

NO TROUBLE TO FOLLOW VEINS.

"The formation is such that I have no doubt there will be no trouble in following the veins of ore to great depth, after getting below the surface a short distance.

"'I found in several places small lakes, which at one time were craters, and the numerous veins running through the district radiate from these lakes or craters, showing that at one time there have been great eruptions, causing great fissures through the formation, which were filled at that time with ores by a chemical process best known by the Creator.

"The facilities for working the veins are as good as a miner could wish for, for on almost every claim located there is a show to open the veins with tunnels running with the ore on the veins. There are numerous cross veins which can be drifted and developed from

the working tunnels. "In nearly every instance the tunnels would gain depth very fast, giving a great amount of ore to be stoped out. Of course, the longer the tunnel the faster the amount

of ore would figure up.

"'Water power is in abundance for any and all kinds of machinery for mining and and milling; also for electric railroads to transport ores or matte. The mines are very accessible being only eight miles from Fairfax railroad connection, at which point there are very fine coal mines, the coal being a coking variety and coke being made.

FAIRFAX THE CENTER.

"'As I see it, Fairfax is the central distributing point for the district, and is a very desirous point to build plants for reducing the ores of the camp.

"Water power can be had at Fairfax as well as at the mines for running electric roads,

or a plant could be located at each end.
"Taking into consideration the formation of veins of high grade ores the facilities and accessibility of the Carbon River Mining district its, future is assured.

"'The Washington Co-operative Mining syndicate, with their many valuable locations, some of which are now almost ready to be classed among producing mines, as well as others who are developing their mines steadily, with flattering showings, are worthy of every encouragement.

"'I claim that ere long, if properly managed, they will be among the leading producing and dividend paying mines of Washington.

"The ores of the camp are generally chalcopyrite, assaying from 10 to 35 per cent copper and carrying from one to three hundred dollars in gold and from five to three hundred ounces of silver per ton, and are practically self-fluxing. C. C. SNOW.' MR. CONE'S OPINION.

" 'Mr. Phil Reese and Mr. G. B. Monty, spec-

ial committee Tacoma Chamber of Commerce to report on Carbon River District:
"'Gentlemen:—In reply to yours of the 5th inst., will say: I spent the months of June, July, August, September and October in the field adjacent to and tributary to the Carbon river, in Carbon River mining district, prospecting and visiting properties in the district.

"Passing my opinion, after twenty years' experience at the same kind of work in California, Utah, Nevada and Arizona, I have no hesitation in saying that for the amount of prospecting and developing that has been done up to this time, I have never visited a more promising district, and I believe that every effort possible should be made to keep the eyes of the public open to the facts, and to create a general interest in the welfare and development of the camps.

"To give you a full and detailed account of all the prospects I visited, their characteristics and peculiarities, would be tedious and of no particular interest to you, I believe; so I will just make a brief mention of the different localities, what has been done and what has been shown.

WHERE MINERAL BELT IS.

"'After leaving Fairfax one sees very little sign of mineral for the first three miles. At Nicholson's ranch, however, there begins to be considerable outcrop of porphyry and other mineral indications. Mr. Wilkins, superintendent of the Leola Mining company, has acquired several claims on this belt. Continuing on up the Carbon river on the north side there is more or less indications of mineral, and many locations, but no prospecting has been done for three or four miles till we come to the Irish brothers and Grayson group of claims. The Washington Co-operative Mining syndicate's trail passes through this group of eight claims. This group is located on three distinct parallel veins, two of which I visited, each showing from two to five feet of ore on the outcrop of veins. About forty feet of a crosscut tunnel has been run for the vein but it had not been reached at the time I visited the group.

"'Adjoining this group is a group of twelve claims belonging to the Leola Mining company presumed to be located on the same vein as the Irish brothers' and Grayson group; this group I did not visit.

CANADA CREEK BASIN.

""The next couple of miles brings one to the Canada creek basin, of which much has been said by more able men than myself. Here is located the Sunrise, Clipper, Sunnyside, Summit, London, East Lake, Margaret, O. K. and many others worthy of mention on both sides of Canada creek. I can best describe this basin as one vast field of granite traversed by a myriad of iron, copper and quartz veins, ranging in size from a few inches to many feet, and ore outcroppings on the surface that carried from two to thirty per cent copper with some gold and silver. In every case on the many claims I saw each days work, or every foot of opening made, improved the looks as well as value of mineral.

"Leaving the upper Canada creek country and crossing the ridge south, one comes into the Chenuis creek, which is paralell to Canada creek and empties into the Carbon river, and is known to many as the source of one of Tacoma's defunct water works schemes. This part of the country has been but little prospected, the Buckley Mining & Development company being the only people interested in this section. They have one group of claims just a mile and a half south of the Surprise

and Clipper mines. One of their claims shows a vein sixteen feet wide that runs 5 per cent copper. Very little development work has been done as the claims have only been discovered last summer. East of this group and two miles due east of the Surprise the same company has a group of six claims on the north fork of the Chenuis creek, this group showing four parallel veins, having an easterly and westerly course. There has been no development work done on these claims.

NO PROSPECTING DONE.

"'A vast area of country lying south and east of the Chenuis creek for a distance of six or eight miles has had no prospecting whatever done, so until the country between the Carbon and White river glaciers is reached there is no development. Mr. Fred J. Chamberlain and Mr. James Sanders have been the principal prospectors in this section, which, by the way, they reach by following the Carbon river up to the glacier, and then up the south or east side of the glacier to their prospects. The district is doubly interesting on account of its situation. It is the highest of all the mineral locations, guarded for years by both the Carbon and the White river glaciers, traversed by many veins of both quartz and iron. On one vein in particular there has been eleven claims located end for end, or in other words a vein that can be traced for a distance of 16,500 feet by its outcrop. These veins vary in width from fifteen inches to five feet. The main vein shows ore in at least twenty open cuts throughout its length that assays from a few dollars to as high as \$138 per ton. The men interested in this section are Fred J. Chamberlain, James Sanders, James Forrest, James Farrell, Dr. Goble and others from Tacoma.

IN THE TAHOMA DISTRICT.

"In the Tahoma mining district, on the southwest side of the Carbon river, and accessible only through the Carbon river route, are a number of claims which will be the easiest to describe by beginning at the glacier on the Carbon river and come down. The first group is half a mile from the river on Traitor Creek. This group belongs to Messrs. Watson, Pitts and Allen, of Orting. Within the last month they have made an entry about 30 feet long mostly through slide and debris. They found the vein in place and the ore running 7½ percent copper and some gold. The vein is 4½ feet in width. Still further south, up the creek, is another group of claims on a magnetic iron vein that runs 68 percent iron. I did not visit this vein.

"From Traitor Creek down the river for

"From Traitor Creek down the river for five miles no prospecting whatever has been done until Mr. William Evans' group of fifteen claims is reached. Mr. Evans, Mr. E. E. Brehm, Mr. Fritz Hoosa, Nartin Steel and others are located in this section, and judging from their samples, some very good claims exist there. I only visited one claim, the Cleo, and this claim shows five parallel veins.

"Other claims are located on down the river for a couple of miles. They belong to the Irish brothers, Mr. Seton and others. I did not visit these claims.

"The country rock of pretty much the whole country is granite, the veins are true fissure veins and have a pitch of about 70 degrees."

"Such is, I believe, a general outline of the whole country, and my opinion of its stability.

C. EDWARD CONE,

"Practical Miner and Prospector."

(To be Continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE

ARIZONA.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Jan. 21, 1900. A smelter is to be erected on the Columbia group of claims near Jerome, and midway between that town and the famous Equator Hill properties. The Columbia is one of the companies recently organized for the development of copper properties in the Verde The capacity of the smelter has not been decided yet, and is dependent upon whether the company concludes to bid for custom work. It is likely that the smelter will undertake custom work, anticipating a large output soon from adjacent mines which will be restrained from shipping ore on account of the excessive freight rates. Among the promising holdings in the immediate vicinity are the News, Decatur, United Verde Jr. and the Black Hills groups.

The Black Hills people claim they have struck the Mammoth ledge of the United Verde, Senator W. A. Clark's wonderful copper mine in Jerome. The Black Hills Company is a concern organized by R. A. Thomas of Los Angeles, formerly president of the First National Bank of San Diego, and founder of the town of Escondido.

The several Jerome companies operating close together have been boring and sinking into one large hill in search of the continuation of the United Verde reef, which always has been thought to extend in that direction. The Black Hills Company has claims on the apex of the hill, and extending more than half way down to the base. The upper shaft is directly under a limestone capping, similar in character to the capping which overlies the main shaft of the United Verde, and the character of the ore encountered, at a depth of seventy feet, is said to be identical with that of the sulphides, or "raw stuff," taken out of the United Verde.

J. Ralph Dillon, who has been superintending a great deal of development work in the Verde region, backed by Scotch capital, has returned to Arizona from an extended trip to the east and will push work vigorously. He is interested in a deal for the opening of the Winningham group of copper mines in Mescal Gulch. This is one of the first properties located in the district. The Crandell group, another early location is being negotiated for

Your correspondent has been reliably informed of the intention of the United Verde Company to erect an immense water power electrical plant, at a cost of about \$200,000. The plant, if built, will be located about eight miles from the company's smelter in a small valley in the direction of the Verde Valley. A company, organized under the laws of California, has secured an option on what is known as the Page Springs, where water power will be developed for operating the electrical plant. One of the heaviest stockholders is Joseph L. Giroux, superintending the United Verde Mine, and all the stock is thought to be controlled by W. A. Clark. The plant is designed to furnish power for the operation of accessories of the United Verde smelter and works and for lighting the town.

G. W. Hull, a well known Yavapai County mining man, has sprung a surprise, which later may develop into an actual sensation. Four years ago he visited Congress, Arizona, and made a general survey of the country. The Congress Gold Company had located all adjacent ground to the east of the Congress Mine, but to the west, by an oversight, it is

said that certain claims were not covered. Hull located five of the claims, which he has held ever since, and he recently managed to purchase six more. They are in a solid bunch and, Mr. Hull claims, overlie the Congress Ledge. If his judgment is correct, obviously, for a moderate sum a very valuable holding has been acquired. John Argyle, of Prescott, is associrted with Mr. Hull in the enterprise, and steps are being taken to organize a stock company, and secure working capital for the erection of a plant for the treatment of ores, although the property has not

been fully exploited.

There is a report from Congress that a new body of ore has been encounterd on the 2600foot level, of more than usual richness. It is known that the Congress Mine is getting into richer ore at depth, and it is said that enough pay ore is now blocked out to supply the milling plant for fifteen years. The Congress Gold Mine and the Pearce holdings are running a close race for first place in the list of Arizona's gold producers, and the Pearce District threatens strongly to take the lead, unless an enterprise similar to the one now being launched by Messrs. Hull & Argyle proves successful and figures materially in the output of the Congress District.

In line with the chance location of the eleven claims at the Congress Mine is the action of Mr. J. J. Fisher, Deputy United States Mineral Surveyor of Prescott, who some time ago, in the course of his duties discovered what is believed to be a very valuable fraction of ground between the two claims of the United Verde Company at Jerome was uncovered by locations. Last summer he slipped into Jerome and posted notices on the ground, which were recorded before the United Verde Company could ferret out his intention. The surface of the claim is about 450 x 150 feet, and lies on the opposite side of Bitter Creek, and just beyond the great roast heaps of the United Verde at 300-foot level. The company recently made overtures to Mr. Fisher for his property, but he holds it at \$25,000, and that amount the company is reluctant to part with. Mr. Fisher now has men sinking at a point where he calculates the United Verde Ledge dips into his location.

There is talk at Prescott of building a giant tunnel to connect Lynx Creek with the Big Bug District. According to plans just mapped out, the tunnel, if constructed, will be 6,000 feet in length, and it will put the Lynx Creek Mines in direct communication with Prescott by rail. It will pass under the Mud Hole Mine, cutting the shaft at a depth of 400 feet. The tunnel would cause all the ores to go over on the Big Bug and thence to Prescott by rail, and its completion probably would cause a reagitation of the movement

for building a smelter in Prescott.

The Whipsaw Copper Mining Company, operating the old Whip Saw Mine, in the Castle Creek District, sixty-five miles north of Phoenix, is now employing fifty men for the development of its holding, and is erecting a 60-ton water jacket smelter. The operators are developing several leads of ore, which on an average assay about 10 per cent copper and carries gold. The main shaft is down 165 feet, and the property is being opened at another point by a tunnel in 400 feet. Two short drifts running in opposite directions from the face of the tunnel are in oxide and carbonate ore, which runs from 10 to 20 per

cent copper and carries about \$10 in gold.

The Whipsaw property originally was worked for gold, more than ten years ago.

On account of a report submitted by Thomas E. Farish, a well known mining expert, who declared the mine to be essentially a copper property, the Whipsaw Copper Mining property was organized less than a year ago, to take up the development. William Christy, President of the Valley Bank of Phoenix, is at the head of the company.

The mine now gives evidence of developing into an important copper producer. The water jacket smelter, now under course of construction, is being built for the purpose of treating the large quantity of surface oxides and carbonates. There is reason to believe the property will be in sulphide ore when better developed, and it is the intention of the company, when the sulphides are encountered, to put up large smelting works.

A strong movement is on foot for the building of a wagon road between the Riverside and Mineral Creek Districts and Phoenix A sum of money has already been subscribed here for the purpose, which gives assurance of the completion of the project. The object is to afford an outlet for the numerous new and valuable mines of the regions surrounding Florence and Riverside, about 60 miles from Phoenix, and to make of this city a supply point.

CALIFORNIA.

The Manvel Gold Field.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

MANVEL, Jan. 22, 1900. EDITOR JOURNAL:—The Manvel gold fields are on the New York Peak of the Providence Range of Mountains, and only two to three miles from the California Eastern Rail-

road station of Manvel.

I have been referring to State Mineralogist J. Crawford's reports, 1896, as to the Providence Mountain Range, and especially in the New York Peak District He says: "The geology of the locality is simple, consisting of quartzites, in part conglomerate, mica schist and limestones, resting on a mass of intrusive granite. * * * The sedimentary rocks have a curving strike around the granite core of the New York Mountains. Dykes of rhyolite and feldsite have intruded the sedimentary rocks and the topography of the region in the vicinity of the south end of the New York Mountains suggests the possi-bility of faults. * * * These New York Mountains are an extension of the Providence Range, though disconnected. Veins and mineral deposits occur at several places in the sedimentary rocks which flank the main granite core. The axis of the range is northeast and southwest. * * * The nuclear mass of the range is grano diorite, which has uplifted the older sedimentary rocks on its flanks; the upper portion or dome of the great anticline has been eroded, leaving only the very rugged line of serrated peaks and ridges flanked on both sides and about the ends of the range by quartzites, limestone, mica schists and conglomerates. * * * In granite, which is a portion of the great mass of New York Mountains, are large quartz veins containing gold and copper sulphides. * * * A variety of eruptive rocks have intruded the sediments at many places; local faults and folds are numerous.

The north end and easterly side contain the Manuel gold fields; and the explorations in these sulphides led to the recently discovered bonanzas of sulphide ores, occurring as shoots in the feldsite veins in these granite fields. On opening there is discovered the sulpbo-telluride character of the ores, those in the quartz rather dark stained, and the feldsites of these veins are a pegmatite, also carrying pay gold values. I have referred to these facts and conditions

because of several pretty stories I have read about the St. George Mine and who is yet the real owner of that property. In 1896 J. W. Mackey et al. of San Francisco were the owners, and A. G. Campbell of Salt Lake, lessee It seems the Flood estate was included in the 'et al." names of the owners, but on Dec. 30, "et al." names of the owners, but on Dec. 30, '98 and again on Oct. 29, '99, a Los Angeles paper referred to the St. George Mine and the big strike, but then it was proclaimed to be the property of Greene Campbell of Salt Lake, the lessee having become owner for a consideration of then, \$3700. Soon the refoot ore body was broken into and it milled \$35 per ton, as reported. But the elevating part of it is, now, that the St. George is under bond for \$250,000. It is now, therefore, "agreeably discovered" that the mine is worth \$250,000 instead of the \$3100 then. But where are Mackey and the Flood estate? Did they really sell all out to A. G. Campbell? Who can answer this question propounded to I know nothing of the transfer details.

But I do know Campbell broke open the ledge of values in the mine by crosscutting and sinking. And it is more of these sinkings and crosscuttings that are wanted in the New York Mountains.

Five hundred bars of lead silver bullion were landed here for shipment to refinery by the Tacopah Smelting and Mining Company.

Two carloads of copper bullion have gone to the market from the Ivanpah Smelting and Mining Co., shipped from Manvel.

Two cars of lead ore have gone to smelters from Manvel, from Potosi Mines in Nevada.

Ores arriving for shipment now are lead copper, gold and silver.

R. S. Seibert and T. M. Brown have been talking about "fine points o' the law," and real property of late. real property of late. Brown seems to be on top and backed by the United States Land Office officials and the Interior Department at Washington as well. Their discussion has become of interest to others. The feast is in order soon, at least it is to be hoped so, for the townpeople are concerned in the future of Manvel as a mining camp residence.

The Gold Bronze Mine at Vanderbilt has another bonauza of mispickle ore, below the water level that is a beauty, refractory and smelting product, and it takes a first class assayer to reveal the true values. It is highgrade ore, all the same, and very beautiful.

Crawford's report naming the nuclear mass of New York Mountain "grano-diorite" and it is likely correct, put me to my references in comparison. I find that Waldemar Lindgren in his reports on the gold quartz veins of Nevada City and Grass Valley Districts, California, shows that the mass of grano-dio-rite at Nevada City and Grass Valley are the rich producers of gold there, as circulated by the U. S. Geological Survey Department of the Interior, 1896. There the definition of grano-diorite is given: "Having a normal granite structure, and a mineral composition of quratz, soda-lime, feldspar, orthoclose. hornblende and nearly always biotite. Titanite and magnetite are nearly always present as accessory constituents, showing a very fine grained micro pegmatic intergrowth of quartz." And the point made is this: That here in the Manyel gold field the ores outcropping in shoots compare to those shown by Plate VII specimens showing structure of ore, as ore from the Omaha and Federal Loan

Mines at Grass Valley and Nevada City; but quite like the Federal Loan Mine ore sample. Yet the ore from 14 level of the Omaha Mine at Grass Valley is also a fair type of the Manvel gold field ores, being fine grains of pyri-tes. There at Grass Valley and Nevada City this ore assayed \$15 to \$40 per ton in gold. This gives a deep mining view of the Manvel gold field as to values and character of the high-grade ores.

Mr. Duvall has a double shift of miners at work executing his 100-foot contract on the

Old Shoes Mine.

During the past ten days five new ore shoots, carrying similar ores to the Old Shoes and Good Hope claims, were found.

Gus Hamstadt and partners are now sinking a winze upon the Mineral Queen copper claim, following down the vein of ore.

Eighteen claims have been mill sampled in the past few days and the tests are now in the hands of assayers at Los Angeles, Cal.

Manvel has the oldest mining men actually engaged at work in the West. Mr. A. Winters celebrated on the 16th inst. his 82nd year. Been mining on the desert 50 years. Last year he buried his mother at the age of 102 years. This is only equaled by Mr. Joyce, a miner at Government Wells in Providence Mountains. Joyce is 84 years old and working. His father and mother are still living. Joyce comes from Mechias, Maine.
'Old Man Hunt,' who in the past made a

great strike at Panamint, has made a discovery of 30 per cent copper ore near Saratoga, about 75 miles west of Manvel.

Gus Hamstadt has struck it again, this time on the west side of New York Mountain Peak, and by the road about 20 miles west of Manvel. He has four claims on one ledge, ore showing from 25 to 100 feet wide, shows copper, gold and silver, and he will put miners to work on it at once.

Real miners are a scarce article at and about Manyel.

A good strike has been made at Shadow Mountain by Mr. Hamstadt and other parties. The ledge is a quartz ore in syenite and porphyry, gold ore of a high grade. The location is on the south side of the mountain. Work will commence there at once. This strike is about four miles north of the old San Bernardino and Ivanpah wagon road, and about 45 miles from Manvel. A. Winters is also operating there, the E Pluribus Mine. He has a tunnel of 300 feet and a shaft of 150 feet. This is a gold mine, ore a white pyrite in quartz. 200 tons of this ore milled averaged \$52 per ton. The veins run north and south, just a little to the west of north. Winters has formed a company to work the E Pluribus group of 22 claims upon which there are about 2000 feet of shafts and in which he says there is now plenty of ground ready for stoping ore. Now the ore is of high grade smelting quality, and there should be a mill near by, but it is over six miles to water. This proposition is gold, lead and copper. And it is quite certain now that the production from Shadow Mountain will be heard from regularly.

Regular shifts are working on the Old Shoes Mine, near Manyel. The work of sinking the 100-foot shaft goes steadily along,

on Jan. 18, 1900, Louis J. Spear purchased the Modoc, the Times, the Little May, the Machias, the Mammoth, the Joe's Wonder, the Good Hope, the Robust, the Columbia, the Olympia and the Horseshoe mines, and the terms of the escrow deed are for more than \$10,000. Another 100-foot shaft is to be

put down upon the discovery in the Good Hope claim and other general work done. Spears also owns in the same group the Grand View, Buena Vista and Vermont locations, all near Manvel on New York Mountain. Gold ore.

Work is in progress upon the Good Hope claim, sinking now on the vein. The ore body of quartz and sulpho-tellurides looks well, and for a newly-discovered quartz ore

body assays very well.

The lights are burning all night long now at the Mineral Queen claim of the Gus Ham-stadt crowd on New York Peak, where they are sinking a winze on the native copper and native silver ore.

The Potosi lead mines of Nevada are dumping at Manvel shipments of lead ores to

the smelters regularly.

Mr. Bunce, owner of the old New York mines, has extended me an invitation to thoroughly examine the mines, and I shall do so. It seems to be a desire of the owners to arrange for a deep shaft working of these There is abundance of water in the 100-foot shaft, and the ore changed there to a more compact, better body of better values.

Quite a number of claims have been laid upon the wolframite or tungsten ore mines near Granite Springs, in the Providence Mountains. These are soon to be opened up.
And it's boom! boom! boom! day and night

now upon New York Peak, near Manvel. It is the merry hum of mining—real mining, at that! Another Cripple Creek is opening, and it's gold ores !

The shop for building the big freight wag-

ons will reopen here soon.

GILES OTIS PEARCE, M. E.

WASHINGTON.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

SPOKANE, WASH., Jan. 20, 1900. The Red Boy, of Sumpter Camp, have decided to sink a three-compartment shaft. It will be sunk 500 feet below the present lowest level before drifting. The machinery, consisting of engines, hoists, etc., will have a capacity of putting the shaft down 2,000 feet. It is calculated the first cost of the machinery will be \$40,000, and the entire cost of equipment, sinking shaft and drifting to the ledge will cost some \$130,000. At the 500-ft. level drifting will be done on the Golden Monarch and Red Boy ledges, and the crosscut from the bottom of the shaft to the ledge will be over 400 feet. This will give a vertical depth of 1000 feet on the Red Boy and 800 feet on the Monarch ledges.

Palmer Mountain Tunnel Co. will continue the work of running their tunnel further in the mountain, and will install electrical machinery capable of furnishing more than 3,000 horse power, 2,500 of which will be for rent. Their power plant will also be increased and their tram and and mine will be lighted by electricity. They also expect to decide upon a plant and proper methods of treating ores. A 2000-foot crosscut will be run on the

Bull Frog, and power will be taken from the Palmer Mountain Tunnel Company eight miles distant to run the machine steel drill plant which will be installed shortly. On the Phantom claim a steam hoist of 1000-foot capacity will be installed.

Work will soon be resumed on the Insurgent Mine at Republic, which is believed to carry the Lone Pine and Last Chance leads. The number three shaft will be continued some 60 feet. It is now in ore.

As soon as possible machinery will be in-

stalled in the Quilp, another Republic mine, consisting of seven-drill compressor, one hundred horsepower boiler, sinking pumps, hoist, The order for the same has been placed with Eastern parties, and in six weeks time is expected on the ground and in running order. The Quilp is one of the best properties in the Republic camp. The ledge is one of the largest, being fully 60 feet wide and it is claimed good values are to be found the entire width of this immense vein.

About 300 feet from number two shaft the new double compartment shaft will be sunk on the Tom Thumb. It will be sunk to the depth of 300 feet before crosscutting to the vein. A new steam hoist and pump will soon be installed. A compressor plant is under consideration and no doubt will soon be or-dered installed. They claim nine feet of ore in sight will average the entire distance of the pay chute, something over 100 feet,

fully \$25 in gold per ton.

Republic Mine has nearly 3,000 sacks of ore ready to ship to the smelter, all assorted and of good value. This will be the richest shipment ever made from this camp or this mine. The drift on the 600-ft. level is 300 ft. south of the tunnel. The ledge has narrowed somewhat in the face and the face is likely to be all in quartz shortly. The values, how-ever, are still maintained. Some sixty men are on the payroll.

The machinery for the Mountain Lion Mine is nearly all at the mine, but little remaining at Grand Forks. That already on the ground is being installed as rapidly as possible. Some sixty men are employed, and development work on the mine has been suspended for the present. All is expected to be in running order about March first. As soon as the hoisting plant is ready the work of sinking the shaft to 900-foot level will begin.

The ledge on the south drift of the Lone Pine is six feet wide and has been driven fifty feet. The ore averages about \$80 to the ton. On the north drift the ledge is five feet wide, has been driven some twenty feet, and

averages in value \$20 per ton.

The Columbia property, consisting of four claims in Belcher Camp, has one of the finest surface showings of any claim in this section. At the point of discovery there is a three-foot vein giving the highest values of any ore found in this camp. Nine men are now employed and development work will be pushed with vigor this winter. Two shifts will be employed in the tunnel and one shift in the The tunnel is in 100 feet and the ledge will be cut when another fifty or sixty feet of work has been run. The mineral veins in this camp are in most cases capped with iron necessitating some depth before ore of good grade is reached. Three distinct ledges paralleling each other run the entire length of two claims and it is for the purpose of cutting these ledges at depth the present crosscut tunnel is now being run. ment has been slow as the rock is very hard. The rock in the tunnel carries considerable quartz well weighted with iron sulphides carrying copper. This quartz is identical with the gangue rock of the adjoining claim, the Belcher, and leads one to believe that the richest ore will be found in that rock which is now coming in at the top of the tunnel. This company is fortunate in having good mana-gers and ample funds with which to push work and develop the property on paying basis.

The value of mineral for British Columbia the past year will approximate seven millions, notwithstanding the fact that the Slocan district was practically closed down for the entire year. Rossland District mines, gold and copper, \$3,900,000; Nelson District, gold, copper and silver, \$1,250,000; Slocan District, silver and lead, \$1,750,000; East Kootenay District, silver and lead, \$50,000.

At Rossland, the Center Star has declared its first dividend, amounting to \$30,000, which is one per cent on the capital stock of \$3,000,000. Now that dividends have commenced, it is expected to continue monthly payments. They have a large body of ore from which to ship and are now sending to the smelter 1,000 tons a week.

On the 750-foot level of the War Eagle the ore is better and richer than on any of the other levels. It is all of shipping grade and twenty feet wide. Drifts are being run east and west from the shaft. Two parallel paystreaks have been found on the 625-foot level; that on the hanging wall is the full width of the drift and on the foot wall is 35 feet wide. Sinking will be resumed as soon as the station

at the 875-foot level is completed.

The Trail Smelter has got its lead smelter in blast. They have secured ores from Slocan and East Kootenay. Lead smelting will no doubt be found profitable from now on as the removal of the duty on pig lead refined in the United States from lead bullion will enable them to work at a profit. Formerly pig lead paid an import duty into Canada of 15 per cent, which had a tendency of shutting the product of Canadian mines out of that country. This has now been changed so that lead bullion produced at Canadian smelters can be sent to the United States in bond, refined in bond, and the pig lead produced is then reimported into Canada free of duty.

THOMAS & NEWCOMB.

Miscellaneous Mining News.

CALIFORIA.

CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Eighty stamps are dropping at the Gwin Mine. There are about 170 men on the payroll.

The work of sinking at the Voorlander has been stopped, and preparations are now being

made to crosscut the lead.

Some very rich rock was struck in drifting north on the 300-foot level of the Commodore Mine, situated one mile west of San Andreas. The rock will go between \$5 and \$6 to the ton. There are already twelve feet of this rock, but the full width of the vein has not yet been determined. Twelve men are employed at the mine, work is going ahead in an active and systematic manner.

EL DORADO COUNTY

A strike was made at the Schneider Mine, adjoining the Griffith and Coleman, near El Dorado. Seymour Hill and C. F. Bryant have a bond on it. A tunnel was run 750 feet east and crosscut. Recently a drift was made forty feet in on the three-foot vein, showing free gold.

Supt. Edward Bind of the Blue Gouge Mine reports improvements at the mine progressing very satisfactorily. The framework of the mill proper is up and enclosed and the machinery is all on the ground. Mr. Bind hopes to have the mill running inside of two

months.

KERN COUNTY.

Coalinga Oil Fields.

Three cars of casing for the R. H. Herron Co. are being unloaded at the Valley depot. There is no abatement in oil exploitation. Judging from the present outlook, within 60 days 100 drilling rigs will be in operation in the Kern River and McKittrick Districts.

A large quantity of oil-well material is lying at the station under consignment to the Bachelor Oil Company. Among the various machines are two gasoline engines.

Ott & Stevenson have added another drilling rig to their field equipment. They have had one in operation for some time.

The Bryant well is down about 700 feet, and should be very near the oil stratum.

Practical oil men express the opinion that within ninety days the extent of the Bakersfield territory will have been defined.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

The mill on the Arbon has started up. The force in the mine will be increased.

Work on the north extension of the Mt. Jefferson has commenced. A shaft will be sunk 500 feet, or until striking the vein.

The forty stamps at the Rawhide Mine are dropping regularly. The work of sinking the shaft was discontinued upon reaching the 1700-foot level. Sixty-five employes constitute the present working force.

The Progressive Development Company has incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000, divided into 200,000 shares. The company owns the Ida Dell Mine, situated between Carters and Confidence.

COLORADO.

What gives indication of being the richest and largest ore chute ever demonstrated in Cripple Creek exists in the Mary McKinney Mine, a bonanza shipper for the past year, but it has now developed that a tremendously rich ore chute, 200 feet in length at the present time, and running from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a ton, has been opened in the 400-foot level of the property.

There is a report current to the effect that an Eastern syndicate has secured an option upon the control of the Portland Company stock. The report is of eastern origin and little of the details are known in the west. It is stated in connection with the report that the syndicate has money sufficient to purchase the Portland several times over. The Portland, it is stated, is held today at \$5 a share, which price it is believed would not be paid by any Eastern mining concern, no matter how good the mine is. Five dollars a share would make the property sell for \$15,000,000, which is the figure at which Mr. Burns has held the mine for some time.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Isabella Gold Mining Company was recently held, and, as was foreshadowed, President B. Williams controlled the meeting overwhelmingly, and the regime which obtained last year will be continued. The mine produced during the last year:

deducting all mining expenses and machinery changes, etc.... 546,818.38 Cash balance in banks to credit

of company, Dec. 31, 1899..... 476,796.06 Amount paid in dividends during year..... 270,000.00

MICHIGAN.

The Franklin mine, near Hancock, is out of debt, and has 10,000 shares of stock in the treasury that has never been issued. The mine is producing nearly 200 tons of

mineral a month. When the third head starts up, the mine will produce over 200 tons of refined copper a month. The old mine is furnishing about one third of the rock that is being stamped. Lately they have been getting it from the old stopes and levels and not from the body of rock which was to give the Franklin its life. At the four-teenth level in this mine, a 300 foot crosscut has been started over to the Allouez conglomerate. In the old days this conglomerate was exceedingly rich, and it is hoped to find it as rich at greater depth as in shallow workings.

NEVADA.

Charles Colton and Joe Lee have struck pay copper, silver and gold ore on the Copper Butte claim, one of eight claims located about four miles from the Colorado River, toward Search-light. The ore assays \$15.25 in copper, \$4 to \$5 in gold, and 15 to 25 onuces of silver. Some of the best of the ore will go \$56.50 in copper.

FOREIGN MINING NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The ore shipped over the Kaslo & Slocan Railway for the year 1899 was \$25,700,224 pounds, which shows a decrease of 16,902 891 from that of 1898.

Below is given the number of pounds shipped through Kaslo from each of the mines:

MINE.	POUNDS.
Payne	7,985,000
Last Chance	4,665,000
Whitewater	3,842,324
Lucky Jim	3,491,400
Jackson	1,689,900
Rambler	1.431,800
Slocan Star	769,000
Reco	450,000
Dardanelles	186,000
Native Silver Bell	167,000
Ivanhoe	158,000
Trade Dollar	104,000
Great Western	100,000
Wonderful	81,000
Noble Five	80,000
Treasure Vault	69,000
Antoine	48,060
American Boy	41,000
Sovereign	40,000
Florida	40,000
Sapphire	36,000
Gibson	32,000
Suap	32,000
Red Fox	30,000
Grant, Woodbury	30,000
Liberty Hill	30,000
Wellington	30,000
Bell Mines	30,000
Coin	12,590
Silver Bell, South Fork	6,000
Texas	1,000
Fletcher Mine	350

Total25,700,224

MEXICO.

Announcement is made of the sale of the Sonora Mine of El Oro to the Exploration Syndicate of London. Charles D. Lane had an option on the property for \$250,000, and it is said that he sold it to the syndicate for \$1,500,000.

The conducta from the Sierras brought in to Chihuahua 62 bars of bullion. The mines from which the bullion came, the number of bars and their value were as follows:

Daris and their raide were a	Bars.	Value.
Owner or Mine.		I man man a
El Refugio	II	\$ 30,000
Sta Eduwigis	12	20,000
Miguel Prado	I	1,000
J. N. Saldwar	1	1,000
Dionico Marquez	I	1,000
Ig Rodriguez	1	500
Ig Rodriguez	2	1,000
B. I. Siquiros	I	1,000
M. R. Vidol	1	1,000
B. A. Juarez	2	1,200
Pinos Altos	II	25,000
J. F. Valenzuela	2	1,000
El Socorro	3	15,000
Sahuaycan	1	7,000
Jesus Solis	2	2,000
B. F. Brown	1	1,000
J. G. Watterson	5	15,000
El Canchenyo	1	16,000
Tatal Value		\$142,000

"Power Transmission by Electricity," by Philip Atkinson, A. M., Ph. D., D. Van Nostrand Company, New York City.

A second, fully revised and enlarged edition of this well-known work will be welcomed by students, teachers and general readers. The business of transmitting and applying electrical power has developed rapidly in recent years, and many of the earlier machines and methods have now been superseded. Dr. Atkinson's book covers these improved devices and processes, and presents the subject as it is today. Further improvements in minor details will doubtless continue to be made, but most of the standard types of apparatus have now been so far perfected that radical departures from them seem unlikely.

While not professing to treat the subject exhaustively, Dr. Atkinson provides students and lay readers with all the facts essential to an understanding of stationary motors, railway motors, central station construction and equipment, and other common forms of electrical power. The subject is treated lucidly and entertainingly, and the book in its new form will continue to be a standard work of

Latest Mining Decisions.

Prepared for THE MINING AND METALLURGICAL JOURNAL, by Andrews & Murdoch, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Credit must be given when reprinted.

A suit brought under Rev. St. § 2326, to determine a contest between mining claims is of an equitable nature. McFadden vs. Mountain View Min. & Mill. Co., 97 Fed. Rep. (U. S.) 670.

There can be no valid location of petroleum lands, under the mineral laws relating to placer claims, without a prior valid discovery of mineral within the limits of the cliam. Nevada Sierra Oil Co. vs. Miller et al., 97 Fed. Rep. (U. S.) 681. A Federal Court has jurisdiction of a suit

brought under Rev. St. § 2326, to determine a contest between mining claims, where the alleged value of the property meets the statu-tory requirements. McFadden vs. Mountain View Min. & Mill. Co., 97 Fed. Rep. (U. S.)

A trespass upon a mining claim does not raise a Federal question, nor does a claim of

right based upon a mere location of a mining claim, as against a patent regularly issued by the land department, under authority of law, for the land covered by such location. Peabody Gold Min. Co. vs. Gold Hill Min. Co., 97 Fed. Rep. (U. S.) 657

A patent for a lode mining claim, issued under the act of May 10, 1872, is not restricted to the surface ground which may be taken under a single location, and the fact that a patent includes ground extending more than 300 feet on either side of the lode or vein does not render it invalid on its face as

to the excess. Peabody Gold Min. Co. vs. Gold Hill Min. Co., 97 Fed. Rep. (U. S.) 657. Code Civ. Proc., 1895, § 494 (Comp. St. 1887, div. 1, § 40) providing that no action for the recovery of mining claims, lode claims excepted, or for the recovery of possession thereof, shall be maintained, unless it appears that the plaintiff or his assigns was seized or possessed of such mining claim within one year before the commencement of such action, is not applicable to real estate patented as placer ground, and hence adverse possession of such land for one year after the issuance of the patent is not sufficient to divest the owner of title. Horst. vs. Shea et al., 59 Pac. Rep. (Mont.) 564.

A bill asserting rights based on the location of a mining claim under the laws of the United States, which shows that the validity of such location depends on the question whether or not the locators discovered a mineral deposit within the limits of the claim prior to its location, within the meaning of such laws, and which sets out in full the facts relating to such alleged discovery, discloses a question arising under the laws of the United States, which gives a Federal court jurisdiction where the requisite statutory account is involved. Nevada Sierra Oil Co. vs. Miller

et al., 97 Fed. Rep. (U.S.) 681. Where the allegations of a bill show that the respective parties to the suit are making adverse claims to the same land under the mineral land laws of the United States, and that the proper determination of such conflicting claims necessarily requires the appli-cation and construction of those laws, a Federal Court has jurisdiction of the suit for such purposes, the property in controversy being alleged to be of the requisite statutory value; and having jurisdiction for that purpose, and such suit being equitable in its nature, the court will entertain and determine all incidental questions between the parties growing out of their conflicting claims, and will grant an injunction or appoint a receiver, where such course is proper. Nevada Sierra Oil Co. vs. Miller et al., 97 Fed. Rep. (U. S.) 681.

Act July 1, 1892 (27 Stat. 62), restoring to the public domain a portion of the Colville Indian reservation in the State of Washington, and providing that, subject to the right of individual allotments therefrom to Indians as described therein, the same should be open to settlement and entry by the proclamation of the President, and should be disposed of under the general laws, did not operate of itself, in advance of the proclamation of the President, to give a right to locate mining claims therein under the mineral laws, a contrary construction having been placed upon it by the land department, and also, in effect, by Congress, by the passage subsequently of Act Feb. 20, 1896, in terms extending the mineral land laws so as to apply to the lands described in the prior act. McFadden vs. Mountain Vew Min. & Mill. Co., 97 Fed. Rep. (U.S.) 670.

The new Empire Building, Pittsburg, Pa., will contain two Scaife water filters, having a combined capacity of 3500 gallons per hour. The arrangement contains a unique feature, being designed so that either filter can be shut off from the main supply pipe while being cleansed; the other filter meanwhile furnishing the filtered water for the entire building. Wm. B. Scaife & Sons, of the same building. Wm. B. Scaife & Sons, of the same city, are the manufacturers of these filters, which contain no chemical or coagulent of any description:

The contract for the large extensions to the plant of the Carbon Steel Company was awarded to Wm. B. Scaife & Sons, Pittsburgh, The specifications call for a great amount of plate girder work and steel frame construc-

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

CHARLES SHERMAN has been appointed assayer of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco by President McKin-

J. K. Mackenzie, mining engineer of Chicago, has gone to Montana, where he will examine mining property for Chicago people.

JOHN MACGINNISS, general manager of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company, was in Butte, Mont., two or three days ago.

LUIS MONTGOMERY, the mining man from San Jose, is operating at present in the Slate Range, San Bernardino County, Cal.

The Board of Regents, Nevada State University, has accepted the resignation of R. D. Jackson, who occupied the chair of mines.

A. PAYNTON has been appointed Commissioner of Crown Lands and Minister for Mines in the new South Australian ministry.

General C. S. Warren was in Rossland, B. C., last week, looking over some mining property which he will become interested in shortly.

BENEDICT CROWELL, of the firm of Crowell & Peck, Cleveland, has recently been in Salt Lake City, examining mining properties in various camps near

PROF. WM. P. BLAKE, director of the Arizona School of Mines, was appointed agent U. S. Mint for the collection of statistics of the precious metal pro-

DR. FR. KOLBECK, professor at the Freiberg Mining School, took editorial charge of the metallurgical department of the Berg- and Huettenmannische Zeitung on January 1st, succeeding DR. C. Schnabed, of Clausthal, who retires.

Campion & Hennesy have just received a new stamp mill which they are putting up at the water right near their mine, between Garlockl and Kane Springs, Kern County, Cal. It is said they have several hundred tons of rich ore on the dump.

JOHN IRWIN, Superintendent of the Union Oil Company's Oil Works at Santa Paula, has been visiting the Desert for some days, examining the coal and oil prospects. He fails to find any signs of oil east of the Mojave region, but is well pleased with the coal at Black Mountain, Kern County, Cal.

HOMER MORRIS of Los Angeles, who is an oil expert of considerable experience, and who has spent a month or more loooking over the region of Black Mountain and Jawbone Canon for signs of oil, re-ports that there is probably no oil west of the ports that their Sierra Nevadas.

LEW E. AUBURY, the mining engineer of Los geles, has recently returned from a trip to Northern Arizona—Chloride and other points. Mr. Aubury is prominently connected with the Industrial, Mining and Citrus Exposition to be held in Los Angeles, and is also one of the committee men for Southern California of the California Miners' Association.

MR. THEO. F. VAN WAGENEN, E. M., of Denver, Colorado, was in Southwestern Oregon during December, examining some hydraulic mines in the vicinity of Grant's Pass. During January he has been engaged in inspecting several of the water powers of the Snake River, Idaho, for parties who contemplate installing one or more electric power plants. He will will probably make his headquarters this year at Boise, Idaho.

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THE MARKETS.

METALS.

The following are the Silver, Copper and Lead quotations for the last two

		SILVER.	COPPER.	LEAD
Jan.	1	-	-	-
**	2	5874	16 50	4 75
100	8	59	16 50	4 70
111	4	59	16 50	4 70
*	5	593/4	16 50	4 70
*1	6	59	16 50	4 70
11	8	59	16 50	4 70
110	9	59	16 50	4 70
80	10	5834	16.50	4 75
910	11	5812	16 50	4 75
TIE	12	1812	16 50	4 75
11	44	5836	16 50	4 70
- 11	41	581/6	16 50	4 70

The Silver market has been steady and dull showing only small fractional changes during the week and closing at 26% d. in London.

Prices remain unchanged from those quoted last week. Lake copper 18½c, Electrolytic in cakes, wirebars and Ingots 17 @ 17½, Cathode 16¾ @ 16½c, casting copper 17c nominal. The foreign market is still dominated by difficulties betw. England and Transvaal. London

The demand for Platinum is good and prices are firmer. New York prices are firmer. New York is quoted at £15 178 6d@£16 28 6d for Spanish and £16 58@£16 78 6d for English, white futures are at a discount of 58 to 10s.

The disquiting news from the ore-fields stirred up consumers and a good business has resulted at stiffening prices. New York is quoted at 5.45@5.50.

The foreign market is also firmer and again higher good ordinaries being quoted at £22 12 6d, Specials £22 178 6d.

ANTIMONY.

Antimony is in good demand. We quote Cooksons at 101/2011c, Hallett's at 93/209%, U.S. Star and Hungarian

NICKEL.

Nickel continues unchanged and no alternation of prices can be reported. We quote for ton lots 33@36c per lb., and for smaller orders 35½@38c. London prices are 14@16d. per lb., according to rive of order.

It is quite natural that this article, which is always volatile should suffer in consequence of the unsettled state of affairs abroad and the higher money market. Fluctuations have been rather wide but the close is again firm at £!45 15s for spot and £!46 2s 6d for three months.

is quoted, English tough £78, 15s @ £79
5s, best selected £80 5s @£80 15s. India
sheets £83@£83 10s.

The property of the quantities needed to cover immediate requirements although consumption continues at a fair rate. We quote Straits incarloadlots at 32½c f. o. b. New York.

The wholesale price in New York has advanced \$1 and is now \$48.00 per flask. The London price has risen to £8 17s 6d per flask, with the same rate from second

THE MINOR METALS.

Quotations are given below for New

Aluminum:	
No. 1, 99 per cent, ingots, per lb 350	@37C
No. 2, 00 " " " " " 316	@34C
Rolled sheets, per lb38	
AluminumNickel, per lb330	
Alum-bronze200	
Bismuth, per 1b	\$1.50
Phosphorus, per 1b48	@50C
Magnesium \$2.75@	93.00
Tungsten, per lb	700
Ferro-tungsten, 60 per cent	бос

price depend chiefly on the size of the order.

Acetic is in good request, muriatic is moving briskly on contract, and sulphur-ic is unchanged. Blue vitriol is quiet. Only 50 bbls. oxalic axid were imported this week.

The exports from the United States in August amounted to \$12,653.

BRIMSTONE.

There are no arrivals. Spot best unmixed second \$22@\$22.50 per ton and shipments \$21.15; thirds, \$19. The imports of brimstone into the United States in August were 11,109 tons.

NITRATE OF SODA.

Demand is very quiet and quotations for all positions are nominally \$1.65 per 100 lbs. Odd lots can doubtless be had at \$1.62 %. The United States imported 18,708 tons nitrate of soda in August

CHEMICALS.

Most of the business done in heavy chemicals is for future delivery, the little doing on spot being at advanced prices. Imports this week included 200 drums, 210 casks and 2 bbls, bleaching powder. Importers expect a curtailment of shipments from England When the Boer war is on, as the merchant vessels will be used for transporting troops to South Africa. Receipts of domestic goods at New York last week included 1055 sacks alkali and 250 drums caustic soda.

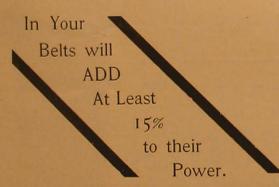
alkali and 250 drums caustic soda.

Caustic-soda high test is quoted per 100 lbs. f.o.b. works at 1.77%@1.82½; in New York, \$1.85@\$1.90. Bi-carbonate of soda is quoted per 100 lbs. f.o.b. works, \$1.12½@\$1.25. Chlorate of potash crystals in New York are quoted for domestic, \$8.75@9.00; foreign, \$9.25@937½; powdered domestic at \$9.25@9.50, and foreign, 9.50@9.75.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

English prime brands are quoted at 1.65@1.75 with 1.50@1.60 for other

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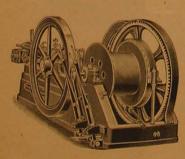
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FINANCIAL NOTES.

AVERAGE PRICES OF METALS. New York per 100 lbs. from January

1st, 1899):			
Month		Tin	Lead	Spelter
January	14.75	22.48	4.18	5-34
February	18.50	24.20	4.49	6,28
March	17.54	23.82	4.37	6.31
April	18.03	24 98	4.31	6.67
May		25.76	4.44	6.88
June	17.93	25.85	4.4235	5.98
July	18.33	29 63	4.52	5.82
August	18.50	31.53	4.57	5,65
September	18.46	32.74	4.58	5.50
October			******	******
November .			******	141143
December			******	131711

AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICES OF

In New Yor	k per onnce T	roy, from Ja	nuary 1st,
1899, and for	the years 1898	and 1897:	****
Month.	1899	1898	1897
	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
Tanuary	59.36	56 77	64.79
February		56 07	64.67
March		54.90	63.06
April		56.02	61.85
May		56.98	60.42
June		58.61	60.10
July		59.06	59.61
August		59.54	54.19
September		60.68	55.24
		60.42	57.57
October		60 60	57.91
November			58.01
December		59.42	
Year		58.26	59.79

MONEY IN CIRCULATION.

Comparative statement of the circu-culation in the United States on Oct. 1st 1899. Comparison being made with

statement on Septer	mber 1st,	18	199.
Contraction of the Contraction o	October 1		Changes
Gold	\$646,561,185	D.	\$26,372,007
Silver			5 396,932
Legal Tenders	314.954,600	I.	4,824,179
Treas'y & N't'l B'k N'tes	329,688,956	D.	483,165
		-	and the same of

with those in the following will give the total amount coined or issued. The figures herewith are furnished by the Bureau of Statistics Treasury Depart-Bureau of Statistics Treasury Department.

MONEY IN TREASURY.

Comparative statement of changes of money in United States Treasury on Oct. 1st 1899, comparison being made with statement, on Sept. 1st, 1899.

College 1.

	October 1.	*	Changes.
Gold	415,844,704	D.	4,650,483
Legal Tenders Treas'y & N't'l B'k Notes	31,726,416 4,850,547		4,824,179 352,491

The Gold and Silver bullion on hand in Treasury is not included in this statement.

GOLD AND SIVLER EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

At all United States ports, for the month of Septemb., 1899, and 9 months ending September, 1898, and 1899:

SEPTEMBER.	
Gold- 1898	1899
Exports\$ 3,102,810	\$ 618,995
Imports16,808,341	2,593,894
Excess I \$13,705,531	1. \$ 1,974,899
Silver -	
Exports\$5,152,103	\$3,622,041
Imports 2,000,696	2,376,846
ExcessE.\$3,151,407	E. \$1,245,195
NINE MONTHS ENDING A	UGUST.
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Gold— Exports	1898	1899 \$32,877,83
Imports		34,268,42
ExcessI	1.\$114,561,893	I. \$ 1,390 583
Silver— Exports Imports		\$38,738,43 22,724,095
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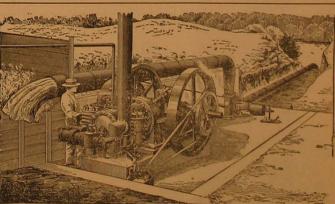
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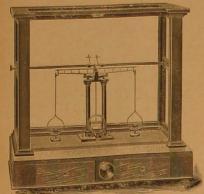
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8	American Gold	Maryland	60,000 200,000	1,500,000 500,000	25	1 25	Sept 1899	727,500 40,000	Coal Z, L.
19	American Zinc, Lead and Smelling	Missouri Nevada	500 000	500,000	25	01	Oct 1899	16,000 890,000	***********
11	Aurora	Michigan	100,000 200,000	2,500,000 2,000,000	25 10	50 10	June 1899 Nov 1899	400,000	
18	Bald Butte	Montana New Mexico	250,000 300,000	250,000 8,000,000	10	3 50	Dec 1899 June 1899	762,141 1,500,000	G, C. S.
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16	Boston & Montana Con	Colorado Montana	15,000 150,000	750,000 3,750,000	50 25	1 00	Nov 1899	14,500,000	G, C, S.
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23	Centennial Eureka	Utah Missouri	30,000 10,000	1,500,000	50 100	50 50	Aug 1899 Dec 1899	142,000	L.
25	Charleston	S. Carolina Montana	100,000	1,000,000	100	2 00 1 00	June 1899	200,000 1,945,000	G. S. C.
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	Gold Coin of Victor	Colorado	1,000,000	1 000,000	î	01	Nov 1899	260 000 90,000	G.
38	Gold King	Colorado	200,000	1 000 000	5	05 01	Dec 1899	258,500 10,000	G.
40	Grand Central.	Colorado Utah	1,000 00) 250,000	1,000,000 250,000	1	24	Nov 1899 Sept 1899	666 250	G, S, C, L.
42 48	Gwin	California	20,000 50,000	1,000 000	50	25 25	Dec 1899	101,500 30,000	G.
44	Helena and Frisco	Idaho	500,000	2.500,0J0 10,000,000	5	25 20	Nov 1899 July 1899	920,000 3,924,718	S, L. G.
45	Highland Holy Terror	S. Dakota	100,000 300,000	300,000	100	01	Nov 1899	162,000	G.
47 48	Homestake Horn Silver	S. Dakota Utah	125,000 400,000	12,500 000 10 000,000	100 25	50 05	Nov 1899 July 1899	8,038,750 5,270 000	G S, L.
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50	Isabella Jack Pot	Colorado	1,000,000	1.000 000	1	04	Sept 1899	75,000 50,700	G.
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58	Modoc	Colorado	500,000	500,000	1	01 12	Nov 1899	170,000 2,997,557	G, S.
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78 74	Pennsylvania Consolidated	California	51,500 100,000	5,150,000 1,000,000	10	20 121/6	Dec 1899	136,475 62,500	G.
75	Pioneer. Portland.	California Colorado	3,000,000	3,000,000	10	02	Nov 1899	2,437,080 1,845,411	G, S.
76 77	Quicksilver PrefQuicksilver Consolidated	California	43,000 57,000	4,300,000 5,700,000	100	50 40	May 1899	643,867	Q. C.
78 79	Quincy *Republic Consolidated	Michigan Washington	100,000 3 000,000	2,500,000 3,000,000	25	6 00 01	August 1899	11,070,000 328,000	C. G.
80	Rambler-Cariboo	British Col	1,000,000	1,000,000	1	01	Dec 1899		S. L.
81 82	Royal Consolidated	British Col Utah	2,500,000 1,000,000	2,500,000 5,000,000	1 5	0016	June 1899 Oct 1899	138,000	G.
83	Small Hopes Consolidated	Colorado Utah	250,000 150,000	5,000,000 150,000	20	10 05	Feb 1899 Dec 1899	8,325,000 165 000	S. S. L.
85 86	Standard	Idaho	500,000 200 000	500,000 20,000,000	1	06	Apr 1899	1,745,000 3,879,226	G, S G, S.
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92	Tomboy	Michigan	200,000	2,000,000	15 10	24	Dec 1899	812,000	G.
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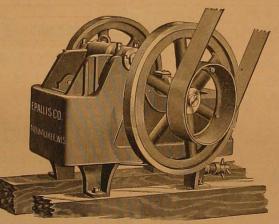
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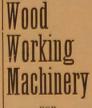
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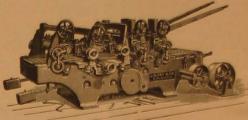
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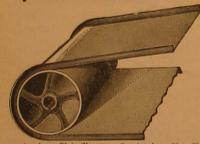
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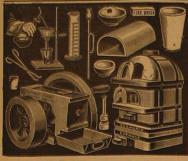
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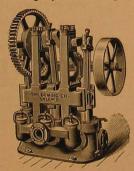
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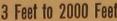
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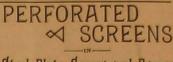
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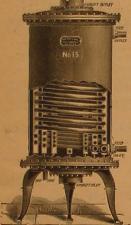
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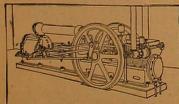
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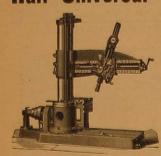
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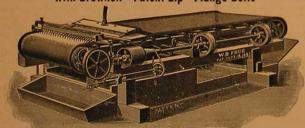
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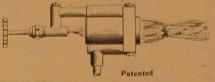
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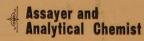
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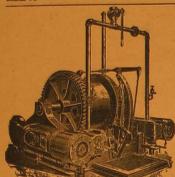
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